# NumLin: Linear Types for Linear Algebra

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**Abstract.** We present Numlin, a a functional programming language designed to express the APIs of low-level linear algebra libraries (such as BLAS/LAPACK) safely and explicitly, through a brief description of its key features and several illustrative examples. We show that the Numlin's type system is sound and that its implementation improves upon naïve implementations of linear algebra programs, almost towards C-levels of performance. Lastly, we contrast it to other recent developments in linear types and show that using linear types and fractional permissions to express the APIs of low-level linear algebra libraries is a simple and effective idea.

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#### 1 Introduction

NumLin is a functional programming language designed to express the APIs of low-level linear algebra libraries (such as BLAS/LAPACK) safely and explicitly. It does so by combining linear types, fractional permissions, runtime errors and recursion into a small, easily understandable, yet expressive set of core constructs.

NumLin allows a novice to understand and work with complicated linear algebra library APIs, as well as point out subtle aliasing bugs and reduce memory usage in existing programs. In fact, we were able to use NumLin to find linearity and aliasing bugs in a linear algebra algorithm that was generated by another program specifically designed to translate matrix expressions into an efficient sequence of calls to linear algebra routines. We were also able to reduce the number of temporaries used by the same algorithm, using NumLin's type system to guide us.

NumLin's implementation supports several syntactic conveniences as well as a usable integration with real OCaml libraries.

### 1.1 Contributions

In this paper

- we describe Numlin, a linearly typed language for linear algebra programs
- we illustrate that NumLin's design and features are well-suited to its intended domain with progressively sophisticated examples
- we prove NumLin's soundness, using a step-indexed logical relation
- we describe a very simple, unification based type-inference algorithm for polymorphic fractional permissions (similar to ones used for parametric polymorphism), demonstrating an alternative approach to dataflow analysis [5]
- we describe an implementation that is both compatible with and usable from existing code
- we show an example of how using NumLin helped highlight linearity and aliasing bugs, and reduce the memory usage of a *qenerated* linear algebra program
- we show that using NumLin, we can achieve parity with C for linear algebra routines, whilst having much better static guarantees about the linearity and aliasing behaviour of our programs.

# 2 NumLin Overview and Examples

#### 2.1 Overview

Linearity is at the heart of Numlin. Linearity allows us to express a pure-functional API for numerical library routines that mutate arrays and matrices. Linearity also restricts aliasing of (values which represent) pointers.

Intuitionism: ! and Many However, linearity by itself is not sufficient to produce an expressive enough programming language. For values such as booleans, integers, floating-point numbers as well as pure functions, we need to be able to use them *intuitionistically*, that is, more than once or not at all. For this reason, we have the ! constructor at the type level and its corresponding Many constructor and let Many <id> = . . in . . eliminator at the term level. Because we want to restrict how a programmer can alias pointers and prevent a programmer from ignoring them (a memory leak), NUMLIN enforces simple syntactic restrictions on which values can be wrapped up in a Many constructor (details in Section 3).

Fractional Permissions There are also valid cases in which we would want to alias pointers to a matrix. The most common is exemplified by the BLAS routine gemm, which (rather tersely) stands for *GEneric Matrix Multiplication*. A simplified definition of gemm( $\alpha$ , A, B,  $\beta$ , C) is  $C := \alpha AB + \beta C$ . In this case, A and B may alias each other but neither may alias C, because it is being written to. Related to mutating arrays and matrices is freeing them. Here, we would also wish to restrict aliasing so that we do not free one alias and then attempt to use another. Although linearity on its own suffices to prevent use-after-free errors when values are not aliased (a freed value is out of scope for the rest of the expression), we still need another simple, yet powerful concept to provide us with the extra expressivity of aliasing without losing any of the benefits of linearity.

Fractional permissions provide exactly this. Concretely, types of (pointers to) arrays and matrices are parameterised by a fraction. A fraction is either  $1 (2^0)$  or exactly half of another fraction  $(2^{-k})$ , for natural k. The former represents complete ownership of that value: the programmer may mutate or free that value as they choose; the latter represents read-only access or a borrow: the programmer may read from the value but not write to or free it. Creating an array/matrix gives you ownership of it, so too does having one (with a fractional permission of  $2^0$ ) passed in as an argument.

In NumLin, we can produce two aliases of a single array/matrix, by sharing it. If the original alias had a fractional permission of  $2^{-k}$  then the two new aliases of it will have a fractional permission of  $2^{-(k+1)}$  each. Thanks to linearity, the original array/matrix with a fractional permission of  $2^{-k}$  will be out of scope after the sharing. When an array/matrix is shared as such, we can prevent the programmer from freeing or mutating it by making the types of free and set (for mutation) require a whole  $(2^0)$  permission.

If we have two aliases to the same matrix with identical fractional permissions  $(2^{-(k+1)})$ , we can recombine or unshare them back into a single one, with a larger  $2^{-k}$  permission. As before, thanks to linearity, the original two aliases will be out of scope after unsharing.

Runtime Errors Aside from out-of-bounds indexing, matrix unsharing is one of only *two* operations that can fail at runtime (the other being dimension checks, such as for gemm). The check being performed is a simple sanity check that the two aliasing pointers passed to unshare point to the same array/matrix. Section 5 contains an overview of how we could remove the need for this by tracking pointer identities statically by augmenting the type system further.

**Recursion** The final feature of NumLin which makes it sufficiently expressive is recursion (and of course, conditional branches to ensure termination). Conditional branches are implemented by ensuring that both branches use the same set of linear values. A function can be recursive if it captures no linear values from its environment. Like with Many, this is enforced via simple syntactic restrictions on the definition of recursive functions.

## 2.2 Examples

**Factorial** Although a factorial function (Figure 1) may seem like an aggresively pedestrian first example, in a linearly typed language such as NumLin it represents the culmination of many features.

To simplify the design and implementation of NumLin's type system, recursive functions must have full type annotations (non-recursive functions need only their argument types annotated). Its body is a closed expression (with respect to the function's arguments), so it type-checks (since it does not capture any linear values from its environment).

The only argument is !x : !int. The ! annotation on x is a syntactic convenience for declaring the value to used intuitionistically, its full and precise meaning is described in Section 4.1.

The condition for an if may or may not use linear values (here, with  $x < 0 \mid \mid x = 0$ , it does not). Any linear values used by the condition would not be in scope in either branch of the if-expression. Both branches use x differently: one ignores it completely and the other uses it twice.

Fig. 1. Factorial function in NumLin.

Fig. 2. Summing over an array in NumLin.

All numeric and boolean literals are implicitly wrapped in a Many and all primitives involving them return a !int, !bool or !elt (types of elements of arrays/matrices, typically 64-bit floating-point numbers). The short-circuting | | behaves in exactly the same way as a boolean-valued if-expression.

Summing over an Array Now we can add fractional permissions to the mix: Figure 2 shows a simple, tail-recursive implementation of summing all the elements in an array. There are many new features; first among them is !x0 : !elt, the type of array/matrix elements (64-bit floating point).

Second is ('x) (row: 'x arr) which is an array with a universally-quantified fractional permission. In particular, this means the body of the function cannot mutate or free the input array, only read from it. If the programmer did try to mutate or free row, then they would get a helpful error message (Figure 3).

Alongside taking a row: 'x arr, the function also returns an array with exactly the same fractional permission as the row (which can only be row). This is necessary because of linearity: for the caller, the original array passed in as an argument would be out of scope for the rest of the expression, so it needs to be returned and then rebound to be used for the rest of the function.

An example of this consuming and re-binding is in let (row, !x1) = row[i]. Indexing is implemented as a primitive get: 'x. 'x arr --o !int --o 'x arr \* !elt. Although fractional permissions can be passed around explicitly (as done in the recursive call), they can also be automatically inferred at call sites: row[i] == get \_ row i takes advantage of this convenience.

One-dimensional Convolution Figure 4 extends the set of features demonstrated by the previous examples by mutating one of the input arrays. A one-dimensional convolution involves two arrays: a read-only kernel (array of weights) and an input vector. It modifies the input vector *in-place* by replacing each write[i] with a weighted (as per the values in the kernel) sum of it and its neighbours; intuitively, sliding a dot-product with the kernel across the vector.

What's implemented in Figure 4 is a *simplified* version of this idea, so as to not distract from the features of NumLin. The simplifications are:

- the kernel has a length 3, so only the value of write[i-1] (prior to modification in the previous iteration) needs to be carried forward using x0
- write is assumed to have length n+1
- i's initial value is assumed to be 1
- x0's initial value is assumed to be write[0]
- the first and last values of write are ignored.

Mutating an array is implemented similarly to indexing one: a primitive set: z arr --o !int --o !elt --o z arr. It consumes the original array and returns a new array with the updated value. let written = write[i] := <exp> is just syntactic sugar for let written = set write i <exp>.

```
let row = row[i] := x1 in (* or *) let () = free row in
(* Could not show equality:
(*
      z arr
                                                                    *)
(* with
                                                                    *)
(*
       x arr
                                                                    *)
(*
                                                                    *)
(* Var 'x is universally quantified
                                                                    *)
(* Are you trying to write to/free/unshare an array you don't own?
(* In examples/sum_array.lt, at line: 7 and column: 19
```

Fig. 3. Attempting to write to or free a read only array in NumLin.

```
let rec simp_oned_conv
        (!i : !int) (!n : !int) (!x0 : !elt)
         (write : z arr) ('x) (weights : 'x arr)
         : 'x arr * z arr =
    if n = i then (weights, write) else
    let !w0 <- weights[0]</pre>
                              in
    let !w1 <- weights[1]</pre>
                              in
    let !w2 <- weights[2]</pre>
                              in
    let !x1 <- write[i]</pre>
    let !x2 <- write[i + 1] in
    let written = write[i] := w0 *. x0 +. (w1 *. x1 +. w2 *. x2) in
    simp_oned_conv (i + 1) n x1 written _ weights in
  simp_oned_conv
;;
```

Fig. 4. Simplified one-dimensional convolution.

Since write: z arr (where z stands for k = 0, representing a fractional permission of  $2^{-k} = 2^{-0} = 1$ ), we may mutate it, but since we only need to read from weights, its fractional permission index can be universally-quantified. In the recursive call, we see \_ being used explicitly to tell the compiler to infer the correct fractional permission based on the given arguments.

Squaring a Matrix The most pertinent aspect of NumLin is the types of its primitives. While the types of operations such as get and set might be borderline obvious, the types of BLAS/LAPACK routines become an incredibly useful, automated check for using the API correctly.

Figure 5 shows how a linearly-typed matrix squaring function may be written in NumLin. It is a non-recursive function declaration (the return type is inferred). Since we would like to be able to use a function like square more than once, it is marked with a ! annotation (which also ensures it captures no linear values from the surrounding environment).

To square a matrix, first, we extract the dimensions of the argument x. Then, because we need to use x twice (so that we can multiply it by itself) but linearity only allows one use, we use shareM: 'x. 'x mat --o 'x s mat \* 'x s mat to split the permission 'x (which represents  $2^{-x}$ ) into two halves ('x s, which represents  $2^{-(x+1)}$ ).

Even if x had type z mat, sharing it now enforces the assumption of all BLAS/LAPACK routines that any matrix which is written to (which, in Numlin, is always of type z mat) does not alias any other matrix in scope. So if we did try to use one of the aliases in mutating way, the expression would not type check, and we would get an error similar to the one in Figure 3.

The line let answer <- new (m,n) [| x1 \* x2 |] is syntactic sugar for first creating a new  $m \times n$  matrix (let answer = matrix m n) and then storing the result of the multiplication in it (let ((x1, x2), answer) = gemm 1. (x1, false) (x2, false) 0. answer). false means the matrix should not be accessed with indices transposed.

By using some simple pattern-matching and syntactic sugar, we can:

- write normal-looking, apparently non-linear code
- use matrix expressions directly and have a call to an efficient call to a BLAS/LAPACK routine inserted with appropriate re-bindings
- retain the safety of linear types with fractional permissions by having the compiler statically enforce the aliasing and read/write rules implicitly assumed by BLAS/LAPACK routines.

```
let !square ('x) (x : 'x mat) =
   let (x, (!m, !n)) = sizeM _ x in
   let (x1, x2) = shareM _ x in
   let answer <- new (m, n) [| x1 * x2 |] in
   let x = unshareM _ x1 x2 in
   (x, answer) in
   square
;;;</pre>
```

Fig. 5. Linear regression (OLS):  $\hat{\beta} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$ 

Fig. 6. Linear regression (OLS):  $\hat{\beta} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$ 

**Linear Regression** In Figure 6, we wish to compute  $\hat{\beta} = (\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{y}$ . To do that, first, we extract the dimensions of matrix  $\mathbf{x}$ . Then, we say we would like  $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{y}$  to be a new matrix, of dimension  $m \times 1$ , which contains the result of  $\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{y}$  (using syntactic sugar for matrix and gemm calls similar to that used in Figure 5, with a  $\hat{\mathbf{T}}$  annotation on  $\mathbf{x}$  to set  $\mathbf{x}$ 's 'transpose indices'-flag to true).

However, the line let  $x_T_x < -$  new (m,m) [|  $x^T * x$  |], works for a slightly different reason: that pattern is matched to a BLAS call to  $(syrk true 1. x 0. x_T_x)$ , which only uses x once. Hence x can appear *twice* in the *pattern* without any calls to share.

After computing x\_T\_x, we need to invert it and then multiply it by xy. The BLAS routine posv: z mat --o z mat \* z mat does exactly that: assuming the first argument is symmetric, posv mutates its second argument to contain the desired value. Its first argument is also mutated to contain the (upper triangular) Cholesky decomposition factor of the original matrix. Since we do not need that matrix (or its memory) again, we free it. If we forgot to, we would get a Variable to\_del not used error. Lastly, we return the answer alongside the untouched input matrices (x,y).

**L1-Norm Minimisation on Manifolds** L1-Norm minimisation is often used in optimisation problems, as a *regularisation* term for reducing the influence of outliers. Although the below formulation [8] is intended to be used with *sparse* computations, NumLin's current implementation only implements dense ones. However, it still serves as a useful example of explaining NumLin's features.

Figure 7 shows even more pattern-matching. Patterns of the form let  $\langle id \rangle \langle -[|beta*c+alpha*a*b|]$  are also desugared to gemm calls. Primitives like transpose: 'x. 'x mat --o 'x mat \* z mat and eye: !int --o z mat allocate new matrices; transpose returns the transpose of a given matrix and eye k evaluates to a  $k \times k$  identity matrix.

We also see our first example of re-using memory for different matrices: like with to\_del and posv in the previous example, we do not need the value stored in tmp\_5\_5 after the call to gesv (a primitive similar to posv but for a non-symmetric first argument). However, we can re-use its memory much later to store answer with let answer <- [| 0. \* tmp\_5\_5 + q\_inv\_u \* inv\_u\_T |]. Again, thanks to linearity, the identifiers q and tmp\_5\_5 are out of scope by the time answer is bound. Although during execution, all three refer to the same piece of memory, logically they represent different values throughout the computation.

**Kalman Filter** A *Kalman Filter*[11] is a an algorithm for combining prior knowledge of a state, a statistical model and measurements from (noisy) sensors to produce an estimate a more reliable estimated of the current state. It has various applications (navigation, signal-processing, econometrics) and is relevant here because it is usually presented as a series of complex matrix equations.

```
let !11_norm_min (q : z mat) (u : z mat) =
  let (u, (!_n, !k)) = sizeM _ u in
  let (u, u_T) = transpose _ u in
  let (tmp_n_n , q_inv_u ) = gesv q u in
  let i = eye k in
  let to_inv <- [| i + u_T * q_inv_u |] in
  let (tmp_k_k, inv_u_T ) = gesv to_inv u_T in
  let () = freeM tmp_k_k in
  let answer <- [| 0. * tmp_n_n + q_inv_u * inv_u_T |] in
  let () = freeM q_inv_u in
  let () = freeM inv_u_T in
  answer in

11_norm_min
...</pre>
```

Fig. 7. L1-norm minimisation on manifolds:  $\mathbf{Q}^{-1}\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{U}^{T}\mathbf{Q}^{-1}\mathbf{U})^{-1}\mathbf{U}^{T}$ 

```
let !kalman
  ('s) (sigma : 's mat) (* n,n *)
  ('h) (h : 'h mat)
                         (* k, n *)
  (mu : z mat)
                          (* n, 1 *)
  (r_1 : z mat)
                         (* k, k *)
                         (* k, 1 *) =
  (data_1 : z mat)
  let (h, (!k, !n)) = sizeM _ h in
  (* could use [| sym(sigma) * hT |] but would
     need\ a\ (n,k)\ temporary\ hT = tranpose\ \_\ h\ *)
  let sigma_hT \leftarrow new (n, k) [| sigma * h^T |] in
  let r_2 \leftarrow [| r_1 + h * sigma_hT |] in
  let (k_by_k, x) = posvFlip r_2 sigma_hT in
  let data_2 <- [| h * mu - data_1 |] in</pre>
  let new_mu \leftarrow [| mu + x * data_2 |] in
  let x_h \leftarrow new (n,n) [| x * h |] in
  let () = freeM (*n,k*) x in
  let sigma2 <- new [| sigma |] in</pre>
  let new_sigma <- [| sigma2 - x_h * sym(sigma) |] in</pre>
  let () = freeM (* n, n *) x_h in
  ((sigma, h), (new_sigma, (new_mu, (k_by_k, data_2)))) in
kalman
```

Fig. 8. Kalman filter: see Figure 9 for the equations this code implements. Line numbers in comments refer to equivalent lines in a C implementation (Figure 17).

Figure 8 shows a NumLin implementation of a Kalman filter (equations in Figure 9). A few new features and techniques are used in this implementation:

- sym annotations in matrix expressions: when this is used, a call to symm (the equivalent of gemm but for symmetric matrices so that only half the operations are performed) is inserted
- copyM\_to is used to re-use memory by overwriting the contents of its second argument to that of
  its first (erroring if dimensions do not match)
- let  $new_r \leftarrow new [| r_2 |]$  creates a copy of  $r_2$
- posvFlip is like posv except for solving XA = B
- a lot of memory re-use; the following sets of identifiers alias each other:
  - r\_1, r\_2 and k\_by\_k
  - data\_1 and data\_2
  - mu and new\_mu
  - sigma\_hT and x

The Numlin implementation is much longer than the mathematical equations for two reasons. First, the Numlin implementation is a let-normalised form of the Kalman equations: since there a large number of unary/binary (and occasionally ternary) sub-expressions in the equations, naming each one line at a time makes the implementation much longer. Second, Numlin has the additional task of handling

$$\mu' = \mu + \Sigma H^T (R + H\Sigma H^T)^{-1} (H\mu - \text{data})$$
  
$$\Sigma' = \Sigma (I - H^T (R + H\Sigma H^T)^{-1} H\Sigma)$$

Fig. 9. Kalman filter equations (credit: matthewrocklin.com).

explicit allocations, aliasing and frees of matrices. However, it is exactly this which makes it possible (and often, easy) to spot additional opportunities for memory re-use. Furthermore, a programmer can explore those opportunities easily because NumLin's type system statically enforces correct memory management and the aliasing assumptions of BLAS/LAPACK routines.

# 3 Formal System

# 3.1 Core Type Theory

The full typing rules are in Appendix A.1, but the key ideas are as follow.

A typing judgement consists of  $\Theta$ ;  $\Delta$ ;  $\Gamma \vdash e : t$ .

 $\Theta$  is the environment that tracks which fractional permission variables in scope. Fractional permissions (the Perm judgement) and types (the Type judgement) are well-formed if all of their free fractional variables are in  $\Theta$ .

 $\Delta$  is the environment storing non-linearly or *inuitionistically* typed variables.

 $\Gamma$  is the environment storing linearly typed variables. Note that rules for typing (), booleans, integers and elements are typed with respect to an *empty* linear environment: this means no linear values are needed to produce a value of those types.

$$\overline{\varTheta; \varDelta; \cdot \vdash () : \mathbf{unit}} \quad \mathrm{TY\_UNIT\_INTRO}$$

Conversely, whenever two or more subexpressions need to be typed, they must consume a disjoint set of linear values (pairs, let-expressions). In the case of if-expressions, both branches must consume the same set of linear values (disjoint to the ones used to evaluate the condition).

$$\begin{array}{l} \varTheta; \Delta; \varGamma \vdash e : ! \mathbf{bool} \\ \varTheta; \Delta; \varGamma' \vdash e_1 : t' \\ \varTheta; \Delta; \varGamma' \vdash e_2 : t' \\ \varTheta; \Delta; \varGamma, \varGamma' \vdash \mathbf{if} \ e \ \mathbf{then} \ e_1 \ \mathbf{else} \ e_2 : t \end{array} \quad \mathrm{TY\_Bool\_ELIM}$$

The Many introduction and elimination rules are very important. Producing !-type values may only be done if the expression inside is a syntactic value which is not a location. This allows all safely duplicable resources, including functions which capture non-linear resources from their environments, but prevents producing aliases of (pointers to) arrays and matrices. This is exactly the same as value-restriction from the world of parametric polymorphism.

$$\begin{array}{l} \varTheta; \Delta; \cdot \vdash v : t \\ \frac{v \neq l}{\varTheta; \Delta; \cdot \vdash \mathbf{Many} \ v : !t} \end{array} \quad \text{Ty\_Bang\_Intro}$$

Consuming a !-type value *moves it* from the linear environment  $\Gamma$  and *into* the intuitionistic environment  $\Delta$ . This is exactly why let ! $x = e_1$  in  $e_2$  desugars to let Many  $x = e_1$  in let Many x = Many (Many x) in  $e_2$ .

$$\begin{array}{l} \varTheta; \varDelta; \varGamma \vdash e : !t \\ \varTheta; \varDelta, x : t; \varGamma' \vdash e' : t' \\ \varTheta; \varDelta; \varGamma, \varGamma' \vdash \mathbf{let} \, \mathbf{Many} \, x = e \, \mathbf{in} \, e' : t' \end{array} \quad \mathrm{TY\_BANG\_ELIM}$$

Rules Ty\_Gen and Ty\_Sec are for fractional permission generalisation and specialisation respectively. They allow the definition and use of functions that are polymorphic in the fractional permission index of their results and one or more of their arguments.

$$\frac{\varTheta, fc; \varDelta; \varGamma \vdash e : t}{\varTheta; \varDelta; \varGamma \vdash \mathbf{fun} \, fc \to e : \forall fc.t} \quad \mathrm{TY\_GEN} \qquad \qquad \frac{\varTheta \vdash f \, \mathsf{Perm}}{\varTheta; \varDelta; \varGamma \vdash e : \forall fc.t} \\ \frac{\varTheta; \varDelta; \varGamma \vdash e : \forall fc.t}{\varTheta; \varDelta; \varGamma \vdash e[f] : t[f/fc]} \quad \mathrm{TY\_SPC}$$

Rule TY\_FIX shows how recursive functions are typed. Even though recursive functions are fully annotated, type checking them is interesting for two reasons: to type check the body of the fixpoint, the type of the recusive function is in the *intuitionistic* environment  $\Delta$  (without this, you would not be able to write a base case) whilst the argument and its type are the *only things in the linear environment*  $\Gamma$ . The latter means that recursive functions can be type checked in an empty environment (thus be wrapped in Many and used zero or multiple times).

$$\frac{\Theta; \Delta, g: t \multimap t'; \cdot, x: t \vdash e: t'}{\Theta; \Delta; \cdot \vdash \text{fix} (g, x: t, e: t'): t \multimap t'} \quad \text{TY\_FIX}$$

Lastly, types of almost all NumLin primitives, as embedded in OCaml's type system, are shown in Appendix G, with some similar ones (like those for binary arithmetic operators) omitted for brevity. The main difference between the OCaml type of a primitive like gemm and its NumLin counterpart is the inclusion of explicit ' $\forall$ 's. So, float bang  $\rightarrow$  ('a mat \* bool bang)  $\rightarrow$  ('b mat \* bool bang)  $\rightarrow$  float bang  $\rightarrow$  z mat  $\rightarrow$  ('a mat \* 'b mat) \* z mat will correspond to !elt  $\rightarrow$   $\forall x. x \text{ mat} \otimes !\text{bool} \rightarrow \forall y. y \text{ mat} \otimes !\text{bool} \rightarrow !\text{elt} \rightarrow z \text{ mat} \rightarrow (x \text{ mat} \otimes y \text{ mat}) \otimes z \text{ mat}$ 

### 3.2 Dynamic Semantics

The full, small-step transition relation is in Appendix A.2, but the key ideas are as follow.

Heaps  $(\sigma)$  are multisets containing triples of an abstract location l, a fractional permission f and sized matrices  $m_{n,k}$ . The notation  $l \mapsto_f m_{k_1,k_2}$  should be read as "location l represents f ownership over matrix m (of size  $k_1 \times k_2$ )". Each heap-and-expression either steps to another heap-and-expression or a runtime error **err**. In the full grammar definition we see a definition of values and contexts in the language.

We draw the reader's attention to the definitions relating to fractional permissions. Specifically, unlike a lambda, the body of a **fun**  $fc \to \_$  must be a syntactic value. The context **fun**  $fc \to [-]$  means expressions can be reduced inside a fractional permission generalisation. This is to emphasize that fractions are merely *compile-time constructs* and do not affect runtime behaviour. Correct usage of fractions is enforced by the type system, so programs do not get stuck. Fractional permissions are specialised using substitution over both the heap and an expression (OP FRAC PERM).

$$\overline{\langle \sigma, (\mathbf{fun}\, fc \to v)[f] \rangle \to \langle \sigma[fc/f], v[fc/f] \rangle} \quad \text{Op\_Frac\_Perm}$$

Like with the static semantics, the interesting rules in the dynamic semantics are those relating to primitives. Creating a matrix ( $\mathbf{matrix}\ k_1\ k_2$ ) successfully (OP\_MATRIX) requires non-negative dimensions and returns a (fresh) location of a matrix of those dimensions, extending the heap to reflect that l represents a complete ownership over the new matrix.

$$\begin{array}{l} 0 \leq k_1, k_2 \\ \frac{l \text{ fresh}}{\langle \sigma, \mathbf{matrix} \ k_1 \ k_2 \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma + \{l \mapsto_1 M_{k_1, k_2}\}, l \rangle} & \text{Op\_Matrix} \end{array}$$

Dually, OP\_FREE, requires a location represent complete ownership before removing it and the matrix it points to from the heap.

$$\overline{\langle \sigma + \{l \mapsto_1 m_{k_1,k_2}\}, \mathbf{free} \ l \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma, () \rangle}$$
 OP\_FREE

Choosing a multiset representation as opposed to a set allows for two convenient invariants: multiplicity of a triple  $l \mapsto_f m_{k_1,k_2}$  in the heap corresponds to the number of aliases of l in the expression with type f mat and the sum of all the fractions for l will always be 1 (for a closed, well-typed expression). With this in mind, the rules OP\_SHARE and OP\_UNSHARE\_EQ are fairly natural.

$$\frac{}{\langle \sigma + \{l \mapsto_f m_{k_1,k_2}\}, \mathbf{share}[f] \ l \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma + \{l \mapsto_{\frac{1}{2}f} m_{k_1,k_2}\} + \{l \mapsto_{\frac{1}{2}f} m_{k_1,k_2}\}, (l,l) \rangle} \quad \text{Op\_Share} }{\langle \sigma + \{l \mapsto_{\frac{1}{2}f} m_{k_1,k_2}\} + \{l \mapsto_{\frac{1}{2}f} m_{k_1,k_2}\}, \mathbf{unshare}[f] \ l \ l \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma + \{l \mapsto_f m_{k_1,k_2}\}, l \rangle} \quad \text{Op\_Unshare\_EQ}$$

Combining all of these features, we see that OP\_GEMM\_MATCH requires that the location being updated  $(l_3)$  has complete ownership of over matrix  $m_3$  and can thus change what value it stores to

 $m_1m_2 + m_3$ . In particular, this places no restriction on  $l_2$  and  $l_3$ : they could be **share**d aliases of the same matrix. Transition rules for other primitives (omitted) follow the same structure:  $\mapsto_1$  for any locations that are written to and  $\mapsto_{fc}$  for anything else.

$$\begin{split} \sigma' &\equiv \sigma + \{l_1 \mapsto_{fc_1} m_{1k_1,k_2}\} + \{l_2 \mapsto_{fc_2} m_{2k_2,k_3}\} \\ \sigma_1 &\equiv \sigma' + \{l_3 \mapsto_1 m_{3k_1,k_3}\} \\ \underline{\sigma_2} &\equiv \sigma' + \{l_3 \mapsto_1 (m_1 m_2 + m_3)_{k_1,k_3}\} \\ \overline{\langle \sigma_1, \mathbf{gemm}[fc_1]} \ l_1[fc_2] \ l_2 \ l_3 \rangle \to \langle \sigma_2, ((l_1,l_2),l_3) \rangle} \end{split} \quad \text{OP\_GEMM\_MATCH}$$

#### 3.3 Logical Relation

First, we define an interpretation of heaps with fractional permissions in the style of Bornat et. al [6] (interpreting the multiset as a partial map from locations to the sum of all its associated fractions and a matrix) as well as the n-fold iteration of  $\rightarrow$ .

$$\mathcal{H}\llbracket\sigma\rrbracket = \bigstar_{(l,f,m)\in\sigma}[l\mapsto_f m]$$

where

$$(\varsigma_1 \star \varsigma_2)(l) \equiv \begin{cases} \varsigma_1(l) & \text{if } l \in \text{dom}(\varsigma_1) \land l \notin \text{dom}(\varsigma_2) \\ \varsigma_2(l) & \text{if } l \in \text{dom}(\varsigma_2) \land l \notin \text{dom}(\varsigma_1) \\ (f_1 + f_2, m) & \text{if } (f_1, m) = \varsigma_1(l) \land (f_2, m) = \varsigma_2(l) \land f_1 + f_2 \leq 1 \\ \text{undefined} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We then define a step-indexed logical relation in the style of Morrisett et. al [13].  $(\varsigma, v) \in \mathcal{V}_k[\![t]\!]$  means it takes a heap with exactly  $\varsigma$  resources to produce a value v of type t in at most k steps. So, something like a **unit** or a !t need no resources, whereas a f **mat** needs exactly f ownership of a some matrix and a pair needs a  $\star$  combination of the heaps required for each component.

$$\begin{split} & \mathcal{V}_{k}\llbracket\mathbf{unit}\rrbracket = \{(\emptyset, *)\} \\ & \mathcal{V}_{k}\llbracket f \,\mathbf{mat}\rrbracket = \{(\{l \mapsto_{2^{-f}} \_\}, l)\} \\ & \mathcal{V}_{k}\llbracket !t \rrbracket = \{(\emptyset, \mathbf{Many}\, v) \mid (\emptyset, v) \in \mathcal{V}_{k}\llbracket t \rrbracket \} \\ & \mathcal{V}_{k}\llbracket t_{1} \otimes t_{2} \rrbracket = \{(\varsigma_{1} \star \varsigma_{2}, (v_{1}, v_{2})) \mid (\varsigma_{1}, v_{1}) \in \mathcal{V}_{k}\llbracket t_{1} \rrbracket \land (\varsigma_{2}, v_{2}) \in \mathcal{V}_{k}\llbracket t_{2} \rrbracket \} \end{split}$$

The definition of  $\mathcal{V}_k[\![\forall fc.\ t]\!]$  says a value and heap must be the same regardless of what fraction is substituted into both; the k-1 is to take into account fraction specialisation takes ones step (OP SPC).

$$\mathcal{V}_{k} \llbracket \forall fc. \ t \rrbracket = \{ (\varsigma, \mathbf{fun} \ fc \rightarrow v) \mid \forall f. \ (\varsigma \lceil fc/f \rceil, v \lceil fc/f \rceil) \in \mathcal{V}_{k-1} \llbracket t \lceil fc/f \rceil \rrbracket \}$$

To understand the definition of  $\mathcal{V}_k[\![t' \multimap t]\!]$ , we must first look at  $\mathcal{C}_k[\![t]\!]$ , the computational interpretation of types. Intuitively, it is a combination of a frame rule on heaps (no interference), type-preservation and termination (in j < k steps) to either an error or a heap-and-expression, with the further condition that if the expression is a syntactic value then it is also one semantically.

$$\mathcal{C}_{k}[\![t]\!] = \{ (\varsigma_{s}, e_{s}) \mid \forall j < k, \sigma_{r}. \ \varsigma_{s} \star \varsigma_{r} \ \text{defined} \ \Rightarrow \langle \sigma_{s} + \sigma_{r}, e_{s} \rangle \to^{j} \mathbf{err} \ \lor \exists \sigma_{f}, e_{f}.$$

$$\langle \sigma_{s} + \sigma_{r}, e_{s} \rangle \to^{j} \langle \sigma_{f} + \sigma_{r}, e_{f} \rangle \land (e_{f} \text{ is a value} \ \Rightarrow (\varsigma_{f} \star \varsigma_{r}, e_{f}) \in \mathcal{V}_{k-j}[\![t]\!]) \}$$

In this light,  $V_k[t' \multimap t]$  simply says that v is a function and that evaluating the application of it to any argument (of the correct type, requiring its own set of resources, bounded by k steps) satisfies all the aforementioned properties.

$$\mathcal{V}_{k}\llbracket t' \multimap t \rrbracket = \{ (\varsigma_{v}, v) \mid (v \equiv \mathbf{fun} \ x : t' \to e \lor v \equiv \mathbf{fix}(g, x : t', e : t)) \land \\ \forall j \le k, (\varsigma_{v'}, v') \in \mathcal{V}_{j}\llbracket t' \rrbracket. \ \varsigma_{v} \star \varsigma'_{v} \ \text{defined} \ \Rightarrow (\varsigma_{v} \star \varsigma'_{v}, v \ v') \in \mathcal{C}_{j}\llbracket t \rrbracket \}$$

The interpretation of typing environments  $\Delta$  and  $\Gamma$  are with respect to an arbitrary substitution of fractional permissions  $\theta$ . Note that only the interpretation of  $\Gamma$  involves a (potentially) non-empty heap.

$$\begin{split} & \mathcal{I}_{k} \llbracket \Delta, x : t \rrbracket \theta = \{ \delta[x \mapsto v_{x}] \mid \delta \in \mathcal{I}_{k} \llbracket \Delta \rrbracket \theta \wedge (\emptyset, v_{x}) \in \mathcal{V}_{k} \llbracket \theta(t) \rrbracket \} \\ & \mathcal{L}_{k} \llbracket \Gamma, x : t \rrbracket \theta = \{ (\varsigma \star \varsigma_{x}, \gamma[x \mapsto v_{x}]) \mid (\varsigma, \gamma) \in \mathcal{L}_{k} \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \theta \wedge (\varsigma_{x}, v_{x}) \in \mathcal{V}_{k} \llbracket \theta(t) \rrbracket \} \end{split}$$

And so the final semantic interpretation of a typing judgement simply quantifies over all possible fractional permission substitutions  $\theta$ , linear value substitutions  $\gamma$ , intuitionistic value substitutions  $\delta$  and heaps  $\sigma$ . Note that,  $\varsigma \equiv \mathcal{H}[\![\theta(\sigma)]\!]$ .

$${}_{k}\llbracket\Theta;\Delta;\Gamma\vdash e:t\rrbracket=\forall\theta,\delta,\gamma,\sigma.\ \Theta=\mathrm{dom}(\theta)\land(\varsigma,\gamma)\in\mathcal{L}_{k}\llbracket\Gamma\rrbracket\theta\land\delta\in\mathcal{I}_{k}\llbracket\Delta\rrbracket\theta\Rightarrow\\(\varsigma,\theta(\delta(\gamma(e))))\in\mathcal{C}_{k}\llbracket\theta(t)\rrbracket$$

#### 3.4 Soundness Theorem

$$\forall \Theta, \Delta, \Gamma, e, t. \ \Theta; \Delta; \Gamma \vdash e : t \Rightarrow \forall k. \ _k \llbracket \Theta; \Delta; \Gamma \vdash e : t \rrbracket$$

To prove the above theorem, we need several lemmas; the interesting ones are: the moral equivalent of the frame rule (C.1), monotonicity for the step-index (C.5), splitting up environments corresponds to splitting up heaps (C.7) and heap-and-expressions take the same steps of evaluation under any substitution of their free fractional permissions (C.8).

The proof proceeds by induction on the typing judgement. The case for  $TY_FIX$  is the reason we quantify over the step-index k in the *conclusion* of the soundness theorem. It allows us to then induct over the step-index and assume exactly the thing we need to prove at a smaller index.

The case for TY\_GEN follows a similar pattern, but has the extra complication of reducing an expression with an arbitrary fractional permission variable in it, and then instantiating it at the last momemnt to conclude, which is where C.8 (heap-and-expressions take the same steps of evaluation under any substitution of their free fractional permissions) is used.

The rest of the cases are either very simple base cases (variables, unit, boolean, integer or element literals) or follow very similar patterns; for these, only TY\_LET is presented in full and other similar cases simply highlight exactly what would be different. The general idea is to split up the linear substitution and heap along the same split of  $\Gamma/\Gamma'$ , then (by induction) use  $C_k[-]$  and one 'half' of the linear substitution and heap to conclude the 'first' sub-expression either takes j < k steps to **err** or another heap-and-expression.

In the first case, you use OP\_CONTEXT\_ERR to conclude the whole let-expression does the same. Similarly we use OP\_CONTEXT j times in the second case. However, a small book-keeping wrinkle needs to be taken care of in the case that the heap-and-expression turns into a value in  $i \leq j$  steps: OP\_CONTEXT is not functorial for the n-fold iteration of  $\rightarrow$ . Basically, the following is not quite true:

$$\frac{\langle \sigma, e \rangle \to^j \langle \sigma', e' \rangle}{\langle \sigma, C[e] \rangle \to^j \langle \sigma', C[e'] \rangle} \quad \text{Op\_Context}$$

because after the i steps, we need to invoke OP\_LET\_VAR to proceed evalution for any remaining j-i steps. After that, it suffices to use the induction hypothesis on the second sub-expression to finish the proof. To do so, we need to construct a valid linear substitution and heap (i.e., one in  $\mathcal{L}_k[\Gamma', x:t]\theta$ ). We take the other 'half' of the linear substitution and heap (from the inital split at the start) and extend it with  $[x \mapsto v]$ , (where x is the variable bound in the let-expression and v is the value we assume the first sub-expression evaluated to in i steps).

# 4 Implementation

#### 4.1 Implementation Strategy

NUMLIN transpiles to OCaml and its implementation follows the structure of a typical domain-specific language (DSL) compiler. Although NUMLIN's current implementation is not as an embedded DSL, its the general design is simple enough to adapt to being so and also to target other languages.

Alongside the transpiler, a 'Read-Check-Translate' loop, benchmarking program and a test suite are included in the artifacts accompanying this paper.

- 1. **Parsing**. A generated, LR(1) parser parses a text file into a syntax tree. In general, this part will vary for different languages and can also be dealt with using combinators or syntax-extensions (the EDSL approach) if the host language offers such support.
- 2. **Desugaring**. The syntax tree is then desugared into a smaller, more concise, abstract syntax tree. This allows for the type checker to be simpler to specify and easier to implement.
- 3. Matrix Expressions are also desugared into the abstract syntax tree through pattern-matching.
- 4. **Type checking**. The abstract syntax tree is explicitly typed, with some inference to make writing typical programs more convenient.
- 5. Code Generation. The abstract syntax tree is translated into OCaml, with a few 'optimisations' to produce more readable code. This process is type-preserving: NumLin's type system is embedded into OCaml's (Figure 11), so the OCaml type checker acts as a sanity check on the generated code.

A very pleasant way to use NumLin is to have the build system generate code at *compile-time* and then have the generated code be used by other modules like normal OCaml functions. This makes it possible and even easy to use NumLin alongside existing OCaml libraries; in fact, this is exactly how the benchmarking program and test-suite use code written in NumLin.

```
let v \leftarrow x[e] in e \Rightarrow let (x,!v) = x[e] in e
                                                                                             (similarly for matrices)
let x_2 \leftarrow \text{new} [|x_1|] \text{ in } e \Rightarrow \text{let } (x_1, x_2) = \text{copyM} \_ x_1 \text{ in } e
         let x_2 \leftarrow [\mid x_1 \mid] in e \Rightarrow let (x_1, x_2) = \mathbf{copyM\_to} \ \_x_1 \ x_2 in e
                                           M ::= X \mid X^T \mid \operatorname{sym}(X)
      let Y \leftarrow \mathbf{new} \ (n, k) \ [| \ \alpha M_1 M_2 \ |] \ \mathbf{in} \ e \Rightarrow
             let Y = \text{matrix } n \text{ } k \text{ in let } Y \leftarrow [|\alpha M_1 M_2 + 0Y|] \text{ in } e
      let Y \leftarrow [|\alpha XX^T + \beta Y|] in e \Rightarrow
             let (X, Y) = syrk false \alpha \quad X \beta Y in e
      let Y \leftarrow [|\alpha X^T X + \beta Y|] in e \Rightarrow
             let (X,Y) = syrk true \alpha \quad X \beta Y in e
      let Y \leftarrow [|\alpha \operatorname{sym}(X_1) X_2 + \beta Y|] in e \Rightarrow
             let ((X_1, X_2), Y) = \text{symm false } \alpha X_1 X_2 \beta Y \text{ in } e
      let Y \leftarrow [|\alpha X_2 \operatorname{sym}(X_1) + \beta Y|] in e \Rightarrow
             let ((X_1, X_2), Y) = symm true \alpha X_1 X_2 \beta Y in e
      let Y \leftarrow [|\alpha X_1^{T?} X_2^{T?} + \beta Y|] in e \Rightarrow
             let ((X_1, X_2), Y) = \operatorname{gemm} \alpha (X_1, \operatorname{true}_{\mathsf{false}}) (X_2, \operatorname{false}) \beta Y \text{ in } e
```

Fig. 10. Purely syntactic pattern-matching translations of matrix expressions.

**Desugaring, Matrix Expressions and Type Checking** Desugaring is conventional, outlined in Appendix F. Matrix expression are translated into BLAS/ LAPACK calls via purely syntactic patternmatching, outlined in Figure 10.

Type checking is mostly standard for a linearly typed language, with the exception of fractional permission inference. By restricting fractions to be non-positive integer powers of two, we only need to keep track of the logarithm of the fractions used. Explicit sharing and unsharing removes the need for performing dataflow analysis. As a result, all fractional arithmetic can be solved with unification, and in doing so, fractions become directly usable in Numlin's type-system as opposed to a convenient theoretical tool.

Because all functions must have their argument types explicitly annotated, inferring the correct fraction at a call-site is simply a matter of unification. We believe *full-inference of fractional permissions* is similarly just matter of unification (thanks to an experimental implementation of just this feature), even though the formal system we present here is for an explicitly-typed language.

There are a few differences between the type system as presented in 3.2 and how we implemented it: the environment *changes* as a result of type checking an expression (the standard transformation to avoid a non-deterministic split of the environment for checking pairs); variables are *marked as used* rather than removed for better error messages; variables are *tagged* as linear or intuitionistic in *one* environment as opposed to being stored in *two* separate ones (this allows scoping/variable look-up to be handled uniformly).

**Code Generation** is a straightforward mapping from NumLin's core constructs to high-level OCaml ones. We embed NumLin's type- and term- constructors into OCaml as a sanity check on the output (Figure 11).

This is also useful when using NumLin from within OCaml; for example, we can use existing tools to inspect the type of the function we are using (Figure 12). It is worth reiterating that only the type-and term- constructors are translated into OCaml, NumLin's precise control over linearity and aliasing are not brought over.

We actually use this fact to our advantage to clean up the output OCaml by removing what would otherwise be redundant re-bindings (Figure 13). Combined with a code-formatter, the resulting code is not obviously correct and exactly what an expert would intend to write by hand, but now with the

```
module Arr =
                                                                                                                                                                        \llbracket fc \rrbracket = \text{'fc}
                                                                                       Owl.Dense.Ndarray.D
          fc
                                                                                                                                                                        [\![\mathbf{Z}]\!] = \mathbf{z}
          \mathbf{Z}
                                                                                  type z = Z
                                                                                                                                                                     \llbracket \mathbf{S} \, f 
rbracket = \llbracket f 
rbracket s
         \mathbf{S} f
                                                                                  type 'a s = Succ
                                                                                                                                                                  [\![\mathbf{unit}]\!] = \mathtt{unit}
t ::=
                                                                                                                                                                 [bool] = bool
                                                                                  type 'a arr =
          unit
                                                                                       A of Arr.arr
          bool
                                                                                                                                                                     [\![\mathbf{int}]\!]=\mathbf{int}
                                                                                       [@@unboxed]
          int
                                                                                                                                                                      [elt] = float
          \mathbf{elt}
                                                                                                                                                                 \llbracket f \operatorname{\mathbf{arr}} \rrbracket = \llbracket f \rrbracket \operatorname{\mathbf{arr}}
                                                                                  type 'a mat =
          f arr
                                                                                       M of Arr.arr
                                                                                                                                                               [\![f\,\mathbf{mat}]\!] = [\![f]\!]\,\mathtt{mat}
          f mat
                                                                                       [@@unboxed]
          ! t
                                                                                                                                                                        [\![t]\!] = [\![t]\!] bang
          \forall fc. t
                                                                                                                                                                 \llbracket \forall fc. t \rrbracket = \llbracket t \rrbracket
                                                                                  type 'a bang =
          t \otimes t'
                                                                                                                                                                 \llbracket t \otimes t' \rrbracket = \llbracket t \rrbracket * \llbracket t' \rrbracket
                                                                                       Many of 'a
          t \multimap t'
                                                                                       [@@unboxed]
                                                                                                                                                               \llbracket t \multimap t' \rrbracket = \llbracket t \rrbracket \to \llbracket t' \rrbracket
```

Fig. 11. NumLin's type grammar (left) and its embedding into OCaml (right).

Fig. 12. Using NumLin functions from OCaml.

guarantees and safety of NumLin behind it. A small example is shown in Figure 14, a larger one in Figure 16.

#### 4.2 Performance Metrics

We think that using NumLin has two primary benefits: safety and performance. We discuss safety in 5.1, where we describe how we used NumLin to find linearity and aliasing bugs in a linear algebra algorithm that was *generated* by another program.

**Setup** For performance, we measured the execution times of four equivalent implementations of a Kalman filter: in C (using Cblas), Numlin (using Owl's low-level Cblas bindings), OCaml (using Owl's intended, safe/copying-by-default interface), and Python (using Numpy, with the interpreter started and functions interpreted). We measured execution time in micro-seconds, against an exponentially (powers of 5) increasing scaling factor for matrix size parameters n=5 and k=3.

For large scaling factors  $(n = 5^4, 5^5)$ , we triggered a full garbage-collection before measuring the execution time of a single call of a function. However, due to the limitations of the micro-benchmarking library we used, for smaller scaling factors  $(n = 5^1, 5^2, 5^3)$ , we measured the execution time of multiple calls to a function in a loop, thus including potential garbage-collection effects.

We also measured the execution times of L1-norm minimisation and the "linear-regression"  $((\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{y})$  similary, but without a C implementation.

```
let Many x = x in
let Many x = Many (Many x) in <exp> ⇒ <exp>

(* fixp = fix (f, x:t, <exp> : t') *)
  (*i*) let Many f = Many fixp in <body> ⇒ let rec f x = <exp> in <body>
  (*2*) let f = fixp in <body>

(*i*) let Many x = <exp> in
  (*-*) let Many x = Many (Many x) in <body>
  (*2*) let Many x = Many (Many x) in <body>
  (*2*) let Many x = Many <exp> in <body>
  (*3*) (fun x : t -> <body>) <exp>
```

Fig. 13. Removing redundant re-bindings during translation to OCaml.

```
let rec f i n x0 row =
  if Prim.extract @@ Prim.eqI i n then (row, x0)
  else
    let row, x1 = Prim.get row i in
    f (Prim.addI i (Many 1)) n (Prim.addE x0 x1) row
in
f
```

Fig. 14. Recursive OCaml function for a summing over an array, generated (at *compile time*) from the code in Figure 2, passed through ocamlformat for presentation.

Hypothesis We expected the C implementation to be faster than the Numlin one because the latter has the additional (but relatively low) overhead of dimension checks and crossing the OCaml/C FFI for each call to a CBLAS routine, even though the calls and their order are exactly the same. We expected the OCaml and Python implementations to be slower because they allocate more temporaries (so possibly less cache-friendly) and carry out more floating-point operations – the CBLAS and Numlin implementations use ternary kernels (coalescing steps), a Cholesky decomposition (of a symmetric matrix, which is more efficient than the LU decomposition used for inverting a matrix in OWL and NumPy) and symm (symmetric matrix multiplication, halving the number of floating-point multiplications required).

Results The results in Figures 15 are as we expected: C is the fastest, followed by Numlin, with OCaml and Python last. Differences in timings are quite pronounced at small matrix sizes, but are still significant at larger ones. Specifically for the Kalman filter, for n=625, CBLAS took  $112\pm35\,ms$ , Numlin took  $105\pm25\,ms$ , OWL took  $124\pm38\,ms$  and NumPy took  $112\pm12\,ms$ ; for n=3125, CBLAS took  $10.8\pm0.7\,s$ , Numlin took  $12.0\pm1.2\,s$ , OWL took  $13.3\pm0.2\,s$  and NumPy took  $12.7\pm0.6\,s$ .

Worth highlighting here is the other major advantage of using NumLin is reduced memory usage. Whilst the Owl and NumPy use 11 temporary matrices for the Kalman filter, (excluding the 2 matrices which store the results), using  $n + n^2 + 4nk + 3k^2 + 2k \approx 4n^2$  (for k = 3n/5) words of memory, CBLAS and NumLin use only 2 temporary matrices (excluding the one matrix which stores one of the results), using only  $n^2 + nk \leq 2n^2$  words of memory.

Analysis As matrix sizes increase, assuming sufficient memory, the difference in the number of floating-point operations  $(O(n^3))$  dominates execution times. However for small matrix sizes, since n is small and the measurements were over multiple calls to a function in a loop, the large number of temporaries show the adverse effect of not re-using memory at even quite small matrix sizes: creating pressure on the garbage collector.

# 5 Discussion and Related Work

## 5.1 Finding Bugs in SymPy's Output

Prior to this project, we had little experience with linear algebra libraries or the problem of matrix expression compilation. As such, we based our initial NumLin implementation of a Kalman filter using

BLAS and LAPACK, on a popular GitHub gist of a Fortran implementation, one that was *automatically generated* from SymPy's matrix expression compiler [14].

Once we translated the implementation from Fortran to NumLin, we attempted to compile it and found that (to our surprise) it did not type-check. This was because the original implementation contained incorrect aliasing, unused variables and unnecessary temporaries, and did not adhere to Fortran's read/write permissions (with respect to intent annotations in, out and inout) all of which were now highlighted by NumLin's type system.

The original implementation used 6 temporaries, one of which was immediately spotted as never being used due to linearity. It also contained two variables which were marked as <code>intent(in)</code> but would have been written over by calls to 'gemm', spotted by the fractional-capabilities feature. Furthermore, it used a matrix <code>twice</code> in a call to 'symm', once with a read permission but once with a <code>write</code> permission. Fortran assumes that any parameter being written to is not aliased and so this call was not only incorrect, but illegal according to the standard, both aspects of which were captured by linearity and fractional-capabilities.

Lastly, it contained another unnecessary temporary, however one that was not obvious without linear types. To spot it, we first performed live-range splitting (checked by linearity) by hoisting calls to freeM and then annotated the freed matrices with their dimensions. After doing so and spotting two disjoint live-ranges of the same size, we replaced a call to freeM followed by allocating call to copy with one, in-place call to copyM\_to. We believe the ability to boldly refactor code which manages memory is good evidence of the usefulness of linearity as a tool for programming.

#### 5.2 Related Work

Using linear types for BLAS routines is a particularly good domain fit (given the implicit restrictions on aliasing arguments), but is under-explored in the academic literature. Linear algebra libraries written in Rust take advantage of the distinction that Rust's type system offers between mutable views/references to arrays, offering a seemingly different approach to the fractional-permissions based one we took in this paper. However, recent research[16] suggests that Rust's borrow-checker could be explained in simpler terms using fractional-permissions; in this light, our paper neatly bridges the gap by demonstrating the theoretical and practical simplicity of this way of thinking.

Linear Haskell[3], takes a slightly different definition of linearity, that is one on arrows as opposed to kinds: for  $f: a \multimap b$ , if fu is used exactly once  $then\ u$  is used exactly once. Whilst this has the advantage of being backwards-compatible, Numlin's approach of compile-time code-generation enables using linearity  $as\ a\ library$ , whilst the use of fractions gives extra control over aliasing not available in Linear Haskell.

In general, using substructural types to express array computations is not particularly new [15,10,4], but these approaches limit recursion and higher-order functions, and have special constructs to enable *implementation* of efficient BLAS-like libraries rather than enforcing correct usage.

### 5.3 Simplicity and Further Work

We are pleasantly surprised at how simple the overall design and implementation of NumLin is, given its expressive power and usability. So simple in fact, that fractions, a convenient theoretical abstraction until this point, could be implemented by restricting division and multiplication to be by 2 only [7], thus turning any required arithmetic into unification.

Indeed, the focus on getting a working prototype early on (so that we could test it with real BLAS/LAPACK routines as soon as possible) meant that we only added features to the type system when it was clear that they were absolutely necessary: these features were !-types and value-restriction for the Many constructor.

Going forwards, one may wish to eliminate even more runtime errors from NumLin, by extending its type system. For example, we could have used existential types to statically track pointer identities[13], or parametric polymorphism.

We could also attempt to catch mismatched dimensions at compile time as well. While this could be done with generative phantom types[1], using dependent types may offer more flexibility in *partitioning* regions[12] or statically enforcing dimensions related constraints of the arguments at compile-time. ATS[9] is just such a language which combines dependent and linear types; although it provides BLAS bindings, it does not aim to provide aliasing restrictions as demonstrated in this paper.

Taking this idea one step even further, since matrix dimensions are typically fixed at runtime, we could *stage* NumLin programs and compile matrix expressions using more sophisticated algorithms[2]. However, it is worth noting that without care, such algorithms[14], usually based on graph-based, ad-hoc dataflow analysis, can produce erroneous output which would not get past a linear type system with fractions

We also think that this concept (and the general design of its implementation) need not be limited to linear algebra: we could conceivably 'backport' this idea to other contexts that need linearity (concurrency, single-use continuations, zero-copy buffer, streaming I/O) or combine it with dependent types to achieve even more expressive power to split up a single block of memory into multiple regions in an arbitrary manner[12].

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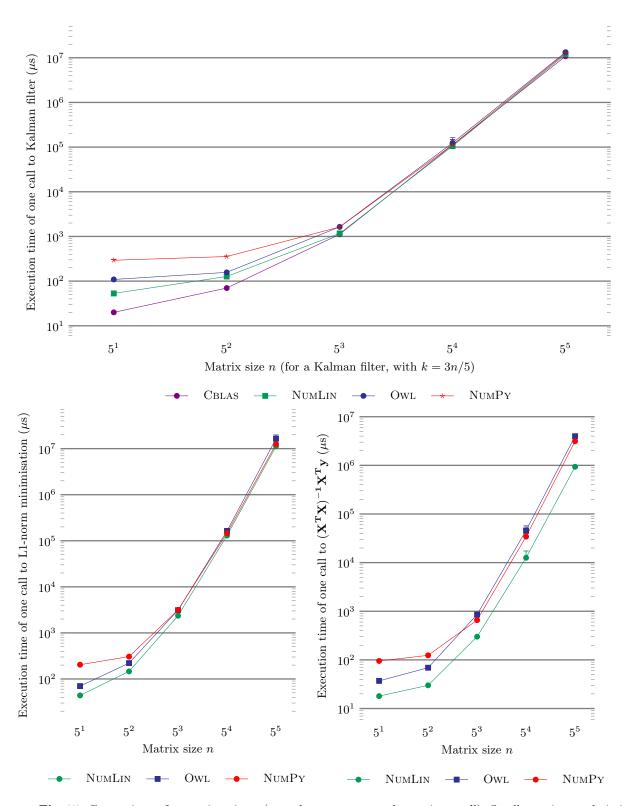


Fig. 15. Comparison of execution times (error bars are present but quite small). Small matrices and timings  $n \le 5^3$  were micro-benchmarked with the Core\_bench library. Larger ones used Unix's getrusage functionality, sandwiched between calls to Gc.full\_major for the OCaml implementations.

# A NumLin Specification

#### A.1 Static Semantics

$$\begin{array}{ll} \varTheta; \varDelta; \varGamma \vdash e: t' \multimap t \\ \varTheta; \varDelta; \varGamma' \vdash e': t' \\ \varTheta; \varDelta; \varGamma, \varGamma' \vdash e \: e': t \end{array} \quad \text{TY\_APP}$$

$$\frac{\varTheta, fc; \Delta; \varGamma \vdash e: t}{\varTheta; \Delta; \varGamma \vdash \mathbf{fun} \, fc \to e: \forall fc.t} \quad \text{TY\_GEN}$$

$$\varTheta \vdash f \mathsf{\,Perm\,}$$

$$\frac{\varTheta; \Delta; \varGamma \vdash e : \forall \mathit{fc}.\mathit{t}}{\varTheta; \Delta; \varGamma \vdash e[f] : \mathit{t}[f/\mathit{fc}]} \quad \text{TY\_SPC}$$

$$\frac{\varTheta;\varDelta,g:t\multimap t';\cdot,x:t\vdash e:t'}{\varTheta;\varDelta;\cdot\vdash \mathbf{fix}\,(g,x:t,e:t'):t\multimap t'}\quad \mathsf{TY\_FIX}$$

## A.2 Dynamic Semantics

$$\langle \sigma, e \rangle \rightarrow Config$$
 Operational semantics

$$\overline{\left\langle \sigma,\mathbf{let}\left(\right)=\left(\right)\mathbf{in}\;e\right\rangle \rightarrow\left\langle \sigma,e\right\rangle }\quad\mathrm{Op\_Let\_Unit}$$

$$\overline{\langle \sigma, \mathbf{let} \ x = v \ \mathbf{in} \ e \rangle \to \langle \sigma, e[x/v] \rangle}$$
 OP\_LET\_VAR

$$\overline{\langle \sigma, \mathbf{if} (\mathbf{Many \, true}) \, \mathbf{then} \, e_1 \, \mathbf{else} \, e_2 \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma, e_1 \rangle} \quad \mathrm{OP\_IF\_TRUE}$$

$$\overline{\langle \sigma, \mathbf{if} \ (\mathbf{Many \ false}) \ \mathbf{then} \ e_1 \ \mathbf{else} \ e_2 \rangle \to \langle \sigma, e_2 \rangle}$$
 OP\_IF\_FALSE

$$\overline{\langle \sigma, \mathbf{let} \, \mathbf{Many} \, x = \mathbf{Many} \, v \, \mathbf{in} \, e \rangle} \rightarrow \langle \sigma, e[x/v] \rangle$$
 OP\_LET\_MANY

$$\overline{\langle \sigma, \mathbf{let}(a, b) = (v_1, v_2) \mathbf{in} e \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma, e[a/v_1][b/v_2] \rangle} \quad \text{OP\_Let\_Pair}$$

$$\overline{\langle \sigma, (\mathbf{fun}\, fc \to v)[f] \rangle \to \langle \sigma[fc/f], v[fc/f] \rangle} \quad \mathrm{OP\_FRAC\_PERM}$$

$$\overline{\left\langle \sigma, \mathbf{fix} \left( g, x:t,e:t' \right) v \right\rangle \rightarrow \left\langle \sigma, e[x/v][g/\mathbf{fix} \left( g, x:t,e:t' \right)] \right\rangle} \quad \text{Op\_App\_Fix}$$

$$\overline{\left\langle \sigma, \left(\mathbf{fun} \ x : t \to e\right) v\right\rangle \to \left\langle \sigma, e[x/v]\right\rangle} \quad \text{Op\_App\_Lambda}$$

$$\frac{\langle \sigma, e \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma', e' \rangle}{\langle \sigma, C[e] \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma', C[e'] \rangle} \quad \text{Op\_Context}$$

$$\frac{\langle \sigma, e \rangle \to \mathbf{err}}{\langle \sigma, C[e] \rangle \to \mathbf{err}} \quad \text{Op\_Context\_Err}$$

$$\frac{0 \leq k_1, k_2 - l \text{ fresh}}{\langle \sigma, \mathbf{matrix} \ k_1 \ k_2 \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma + \{l \mapsto_1 M_{k_1, k_2}\}, l \rangle} \quad \text{Op\_Matrix}$$

$$\frac{k_1 < 0 \text{ or } k_2 < 0}{\langle \sigma, \mathbf{matrix} \; k_1 \; k_2 \rangle \to \mathbf{err}} \quad \text{Op\_Matrix\_Neg}$$

$$\overline{\langle \sigma + \{l \mapsto_1 m_{k_1,k_2}\}, \mathbf{free} \ l \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma, () \rangle}$$
 OP\_FREE

# B Interpretation

## **B.1** Definitions

Operationally,  $Heap \sqsubseteq Loc \times Permission \times Matrix$  (a multiset), denoted with a  $\sigma$ . Define its interpretation to be  $Loc \rightharpoonup Permission \times Matrix$  with  $\star : Heap \times Heap \rightharpoonup Heap$  as follows:

$$(\varsigma_1 \star \varsigma_2)(l) \equiv \begin{cases} \varsigma_1(l) & \text{if } l \in \text{dom}(\varsigma_1) \land l \notin \text{dom}(\varsigma_2) \\ \varsigma_2(l) & \text{if } l \in \text{dom}(\varsigma_2) \land l \notin \text{dom}(\varsigma_1) \\ (f_1 + f_2, m) & \text{if } (f_1, m) = \varsigma_1(l) \land (f_2, m) = \varsigma_2(l) \land f_1 + f_2 \leq 1 \\ \text{undefined} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Commutativity and associativity of  $\star$  follows from that of +.  $\varsigma_1 \star \varsigma_2$  is defined if it is for all  $l \in \text{dom}(\varsigma_1) \cup \text{dom}(\varsigma_2)$ . Define  $\mathcal{H}[\![\sigma]\!] = \bigstar_{(l,f,m)\in\sigma}[l\mapsto_f m]$  and implicitly denote  $\varsigma \equiv \mathcal{H}[\![\theta(\sigma)]\!]$ .

The n-fold iteration for the  $\rightarrow$  (functional) relation, is also a (functional) relation:

$$\forall n. \ \mathbf{err} \to^n \mathbf{err} \qquad \langle \sigma, v \rangle \to^n \langle \sigma, v \rangle \qquad \langle \sigma, e \rangle \to^0 \langle \sigma, e \rangle \qquad \langle \sigma, e \rangle \to^{n+1} ((\langle \sigma, e \rangle \to) \to^n)$$

Hence, all bounded iterations end in either an err, a heap-and-expression or a heap-and-value.

### **B.2** Interpretation

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{V}_{k}[\mathbf{bool}] &= \{(\emptyset, true), (\emptyset, false)\} \\ \mathcal{V}_{k}[\mathbf{bool}] &= \{(\emptyset, true), (\emptyset, false)\} \\ \mathcal{V}_{k}[\mathbf{int}] &= \{(\emptyset, n) \mid 2^{-63} \leq n \leq 2^{63} - 1\} \\ \mathcal{V}_{k}[\mathbf{elt}] &= \{(\emptyset, f) \mid f \text{ a IEEE Float64} \} \\ \mathcal{V}_{k}[[t]] &= \{(\emptyset, \mathbf{Many} v) \mid (\emptyset, v) \in \mathcal{V}_{k}[[t]] \} \\ \mathcal{V}_{k}[[t]] &= \{(\emptyset, \mathbf{Many} v) \mid (\emptyset, v) \in \mathcal{V}_{k}[[t]] \} \\ \mathcal{V}_{k}[[t] &= \{(\varsigma, \mathbf{fun} fc \rightarrow v) \mid \forall f. \ (\varsigma[fc/f], v[fc/f]) \in \mathcal{V}_{k-1}[[t[fc/f]]] \} \\ \mathcal{V}_{k}[[t] \otimes t_{2}] &= \{(\varsigma_{1} \star \varsigma_{2}, (v_{1}, v_{2})) \mid (\varsigma_{1}, v_{1}) \in \mathcal{V}_{k}[[t_{1}]] \land (\varsigma_{2}, v_{2}) \in \mathcal{V}_{k}[[t_{2}]] \} \\ \mathcal{V}_{k}[[t' \rightarrow t]] &= \{(\varsigma_{v}, v) \mid (v = \mathbf{fun} x : t' \rightarrow e \lor v = \mathbf{fix}(g, x : t', e : t)) \land \forall j \leq k, (\varsigma_{v'}, v') \in \mathcal{V}_{j}[[t']], \ \varsigma_{v} \star \varsigma_{v'}' \text{ defined} \Rightarrow (\varsigma_{v} \star \varsigma_{v'}, v v') \in \mathcal{C}_{j}[[t]] \} \\ \mathcal{C}_{k}[[t]] &= \{(\varsigma_{s}, e_{s}) \mid \forall j < k, \sigma_{r}, \varsigma_{s} \star \varsigma_{r} \text{ defined} \Rightarrow (\sigma_{s} + \sigma_{r}, e_{s}) \rightarrow^{j} \text{ err } \lor \exists \sigma_{f}, e_{f}, (\sigma_{s} + \sigma_{r}, e_{s}) \rightarrow^{j} \langle \sigma_{f} + \sigma_{r}, e_{f} \rangle \land (e_{f} \text{ is a value} \Rightarrow (\varsigma_{f} \star \varsigma_{r}, e_{f}) \in \mathcal{V}_{k-j}[[t]]) \} \\ \mathcal{I}_{k}[[\cdot]\theta &= \{[\cdot]\} \} \\ \mathcal{I}_{k}[\cdot]\theta &= \{\delta[x \mapsto v_{x}] \mid \delta \in \mathcal{I}_{k}[\Delta] \theta \land (\emptyset, v_{x}) \in \mathcal{V}_{k}[\theta(t)]] \} \\ \mathcal{L}_{k}[\cdot]\theta &= \{(\sigma, v), \gamma[x \mapsto v_{x}]\} \mid (\varsigma, \gamma) \in \mathcal{L}_{k}[\cdot] \theta \land (\varsigma_{x}, v_{x}) \in \mathcal{V}_{k}[\theta(t)]] \} \\ \mathcal{H}[\theta] &= \bigstar(t, f, m) \in \sigma[t \mapsto f m] \\ \varsigma &= \mathcal{H}[\theta(\sigma)]] \\ k[\theta; \Delta; \Gamma \vdash e : t]] &= \forall \theta, \delta, \gamma, \sigma, \Theta = \text{dom}(\theta) \land (\varsigma, \gamma) \in \mathcal{L}_{k}[\cdot] \theta \land \delta \in \mathcal{I}_{k}[\cdot\Delta] \theta \Rightarrow (\varsigma, \theta(\delta|\gamma(e)))) \in \mathcal{C}_{k}[\theta(t)]] \end{cases}$$

## C Lemmas

C.1 
$$\forall \sigma_s, \sigma_r, e. \ \varsigma_s \star \varsigma_r \ \text{defined} \ \Rightarrow \forall n. \ \langle \sigma_s, e \rangle \to^n = \langle \sigma_s + \sigma_r, e \rangle \to^n$$

SUFFICES: By induction on n, consider only the cases  $\langle \sigma_s, e \rangle \to \langle \sigma_f, e_f \rangle$  where  $\sigma_s \neq \sigma_f$ .

PROOF SKETCH: Only OP\_{FREE, MATRIX, SHARE, UNSHARE\_EQ, GEMM\_MATCH} change the heap: the rest are either parametric in the heap or step to an **err**.

PROVE:  $\langle \sigma_s + \sigma_r, e \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma_f + \sigma_r, e_f \rangle$ .

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . CASE: OP\_FREE,  $\sigma_s \equiv \sigma' + \{l \mapsto_1 m\}$ ,  $\sigma_f = \sigma'$ . PROOF: Instantiate OP\_FREE with  $(\sigma' + \sigma_r) + \{l \mapsto_1 m\}$ , valid because  $l \notin \text{dom}(\varsigma_r)$  by  $\varsigma' \star [l \mapsto_1 m] \star \varsigma_r$  defined (assumption).
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . Case: OP\_Matrix Proof: Rule has no requirements on  $\sigma_s$  so will also work with  $\sigma_s + \sigma_r$ .
- $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ . CASE: OP\_SHARE,  $\sigma_s \equiv \sigma' + \{l \mapsto_f m\}$ ,  $\sigma_f = \sigma' + \{l \mapsto_{\frac{1}{2} \cdot f} m\} + \{l \mapsto_{\frac{1}{2} \cdot f} m\}$ . PROOF: Union-ing  $\sigma_r$  does not remove  $l \mapsto_f m$ , so that can be split out of  $\sigma_s + \sigma_r$  as before.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ . Case: Op\_Unshare\_Eq,  $\sigma_s \equiv \sigma' + \{l \mapsto_{\frac{1}{2} \cdot f} m\} + \{l \mapsto_{\frac{1}{2} \cdot f} m\}, \sigma_f = \sigma' + \{l \mapsto_f m\}.$ 
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . Union-ing  $\sigma_r$  does not remove  $l \mapsto_{\frac{1}{2} \cdot f} m$ , so that can still be split out of  $\sigma_s + \sigma_r$ .
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . There may also be other valid splits introduced by  $\sigma_r$ .
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 3$ . However, by assumption of  $\varsigma_s \star \varsigma_r$  defined, any splitting of  $\sigma_s + \sigma_r$  will satisfy  $f \leq 1$ .
- $\langle 1 \rangle$ 5. Case: Op\_Gemm\_Match
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . By assumption of  $\varsigma_s \star \varsigma_r$  defined, either  $l_1$  (or  $l_2$ , or both) are not in  $\sigma_r$ , or they are and the matrix values they point to are the same.
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . The permissions (of  $l_1$  and/or  $l_2$ ) may differ, but OP\_GEMM\_MATCH universally quantifies over them and leaves them unchanged, so they are irrelevant.
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 3$ . Only the pointed to matrix value at  $l_3$  changes.
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 4$ . Suffices:  $l_3 \notin \pi_1[\sigma_r]$ .
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 5$ . By assumption of  $\varsigma_s \star \varsigma_r$  defined,  $l_3 \notin \text{dom}(\varsigma_r)$ .
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 6$ . Hence  $l_3 \notin \pi_1[\sigma_r]$ .

# C.2 $\forall k, t. \; \mathcal{V}_k[\![t]\!] \subseteq \mathcal{C}_k[\![t]\!]$

Follows from definition of  $C_k[\![t]\!]$ ,  $\to^j (\forall n. \langle \sigma, v \rangle \to^n \langle \sigma, v \rangle)$  for arbitrary  $j \leq k$  and C.1.

# C.3 $\forall \theta, \delta, \gamma, v. \ \theta(\delta(\gamma(v)))$ is a value.

 $\theta$  is irrelevant because it only maps fractional permission variables to fractional permissions. By construction,  $\delta$  and  $\gamma$  only map variables to values, and values are closed under substitution.

C.4 
$$\forall k, \sigma, \sigma', e, e', t. \ (\varsigma', e') \in \mathcal{C}_k[\![t]\!] \land \langle \sigma, e \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma', e' \rangle \Rightarrow (\varsigma, e) \in \mathcal{C}_{k+1}[\![t]\!]$$

In the lemma, and for the rest of its proof,  $\varsigma = \mathcal{H}[\![\sigma]\!]$ .

Assume: arbitrary j < k + 1, and  $\sigma_r$  such that  $\varsigma \star \varsigma_r$  defined.

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Case: j = 0. Clearly  $\sigma_f = \sigma_s + \sigma_r$  and e' = e. Remains to show that if e is a value then  $(\varsigma_s \star \varsigma_r, e) \in \mathcal{V}_k[\![t]\!]$ . This is true vacuously, because by assumption, e is not a value.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . Case:  $j \geq 1$ . We have  $\langle \sigma, e \rangle \rightarrow^j = \langle \sigma', e' \rangle \rightarrow^{j-1}$ . Instantiate  $(\varsigma', e') \in \mathcal{C}_k[\![t]\!]$ , with j-1 < k and  $\sigma_r$  to conclude the required conditions.

C.5 
$$j \leq k \Rightarrow k \cdot ||\cdot|| \leq k \cdot ||\cdot||$$

For the rest of this proof,  $\varsigma = \mathcal{H}[\![\sigma]\!]$ .

Lemma C.4 is the inductive step for this lemma for the  $\mathcal{C}$  case.

Need to prove for  $\mathcal{V}[]$ , by induction on t and then index.

SUFFICES: Consider only  $t \rightarrow t'$  case, rest use k directly on structure of type.

Assume: Arbitrary  $j \leq k$  and  $(\varsigma_{v'}, v') \in \mathcal{V}_k[t \multimap t']$ .

PROVE:  $(\varsigma_{v'}, v') \in \mathcal{V}_j[\![t \multimap t']\!].$ 

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . v' is of the correct syntactic form (lambda or fixpoint) by assumption.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . Assume: arbitrary  $j' \leq j$  and  $(\varsigma_v, v) \in \mathcal{V}_{j'}[[t]]$  such that  $\varsigma_{v'} \star \varsigma_v$  is defined.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ . SUFFICES: to show  $(\varsigma_{v'} \star \varsigma_v, v'v) \in \mathcal{C}_{i'} \llbracket t' \rrbracket$ .
- $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ . This is true by instantiating  $(\varsigma_{v'}, v') \in \mathcal{V}_k \llbracket t \multimap t' \rrbracket$  with  $j' \leq k$  and  $(\varsigma_v, v) \in \mathcal{V}_{j'} \llbracket t \rrbracket$ .

C.6 
$$\forall \Delta, \Gamma, t, k, \theta, \delta, \gamma. \ \delta \in \mathcal{I}_k[\![\Delta]\!] \theta \land \gamma \in \pi_2[\mathcal{L}_k[\![\Gamma]\!] \theta] \Rightarrow \operatorname{dom}(\Delta) = \operatorname{dom}(\delta) \text{ and } \operatorname{dom}(\Gamma) = \operatorname{dom}(\gamma)$$

PROOF: By induction on  $\Delta$  and  $\Gamma$ .

C.7 
$$\forall k, \Gamma, \Gamma', \theta, \sigma_{+}, \gamma_{+}. \ (\varsigma_{+}, \gamma) \in \mathcal{L}_{k} \llbracket \Gamma, \Gamma' \rrbracket \theta \wedge \Gamma, \Gamma' \text{ disjoint } \Rightarrow \exists \sigma, \gamma, \sigma', \gamma'. \ \sigma_{+} = \sigma + \sigma' \wedge \gamma, \gamma' \text{ disjoint } \wedge \gamma_{+} = \gamma \cup \gamma' \wedge (\varsigma, \gamma) \in \mathcal{L}_{k} \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \wedge (\varsigma', \gamma') \in \mathcal{L}_{k} \llbracket \Gamma' \rrbracket$$

PROOF: By induction on  $\Gamma'$ .

C.8 
$$\forall e, \sigma, e', \sigma', \theta. \langle \sigma, e \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma', e' \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \theta(\sigma), \theta(e) \rangle \rightarrow \langle \theta(\sigma'), \theta(e') \rangle$$

PROOF: By induction on  $\rightarrow$ .

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Assume: Arbitrary  $e, \sigma, e', \sigma', \theta$  such that  $\langle \sigma, e \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma', e' \rangle$ .
- (1)2. Suffices: To consider only the following rules which mention fractional permission variables. Op\_Frac\_Perm, Op\_Share, Op\_Unshare\_(N)Eq and Op\_Gemm\_(Mis)Match.
- $\begin{array}{l} \langle 1 \rangle 3. \ \ \, \text{Case: Op\_Frac\_Perm.} \\ \text{Because substitution avoids capture,} \\ \langle \theta(\sigma), \theta((\mathbf{fun}fc \rightarrow v) \, [f]) \rangle \rightarrow \langle \theta(\sigma' \, [fc/f]), \theta(v \, [fc/f]) \rangle. \end{array}$
- (1)4. The rest of the cases are parametric in their use of fractional permission variables and so will take the same step ater any substitution.
- $\langle 1 \rangle$ 5. COROLLARY: If  $\langle \sigma [fc/f_1], e [fc/f_1] \rangle \rightarrow^n \langle \sigma_2, e_2' \rangle$  and  $\langle \sigma [fc/f_2], e [fc/f_2] \rangle \rightarrow^n \langle \sigma_2, e_2' \rangle$ , then  $\exists \sigma, e'. \sigma_1 = \sigma [fc/f_1] \wedge \sigma_2 = \sigma [fc/f_2] \wedge e_1' = e' [fc/f_1] \wedge e_2' = e' [fc/f_2]$ .

#### D Soundness

$$\forall \Theta, \Delta, \Gamma, e, t. \ \Theta; \Delta; \Gamma \vdash e : t \Rightarrow \forall k. \ _k \llbracket \Theta; \Delta; \Gamma \vdash e : t \rrbracket$$

PROOF SKETCH: Induction over the typing judgements.

ASSUME: 1. Arbitrary  $\Theta, \Delta, \Gamma, e, t$  such that  $\Theta; \Delta; \Gamma \vdash e : t$ .

- 2. Arbitrary  $k, \theta, \delta, \gamma, \sigma$  such that: a.  $\Theta = \text{dom}(\theta)$ 
  - b.  $\delta \in \mathcal{I}_k[\![\Delta]\!]\theta$ .
  - c.  $(\varsigma, \gamma) \in \mathcal{L}_k \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \theta$
- 3. W.l.o.g., all variables are distinct, hence  $\Theta$ , dom( $\Delta$ ) and dom( $\Gamma$ ) are disjoint so order of  $\theta$ ,  $\delta$  and  $\gamma$  (as substitutions defined recursively over expressions) is irrelevant.
- Prove:  $(\varsigma, \theta(\delta(\gamma(e)))) \in \mathcal{C}_k \llbracket \theta(t) \rrbracket.$
- Assume: Arbitrary j < k and  $\sigma_r$ , such that  $\varsigma \star \varsigma_r$  defined.
- SUFFICES:  $\langle \sigma + \sigma_r, e \rangle \to^j \mathbf{err} \ \lor \exists \sigma_f, e_f. \ \langle \sigma + \sigma_r, e \rangle \to^j \langle \sigma_f + \sigma_r, e_f \rangle$ 
  - $\land (e_f \text{ is a value } \Rightarrow (\varsigma_f \star \varsigma_r, e_f) \in \mathcal{V}_{k-j}[\![t]\!]).$
- SUFFICES: By C.1, to show  $\langle \sigma, e \rangle \to^j \mathbf{err} \ \lor \exists \sigma_f, e_f. \ \langle \sigma, e \rangle \to^j \langle \sigma_f, e_f \rangle$  $\land (e_f \text{ is a value } \Rightarrow (\varsigma_f, e_f) \in \mathcal{V}_{k-i}[\![t]\!])$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Case: Ty\_Let.
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . By induction,

    - $\begin{array}{l} 1. \ \forall k. \ _{k}\llbracket\Theta ; \Delta ; \Gamma \vdash e : t\rrbracket \\ 2. \ \forall k. \ _{k}\llbracket\Theta ; \Delta ; \Gamma', x : t \vdash e' : t'\rrbracket. \end{array}$
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . By 2c, 3 and C.7, we know there exists the following (for all k):
    - 1.  $(\varsigma_e, \gamma_e) \in \mathcal{L}_k \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket$
    - 2.  $\gamma = \gamma_e \cup \gamma_{e'}$
    - 3.  $\sigma = \sigma_e + \sigma_{e'}$ .
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 3$ . So, using  $k, \theta, \delta, \gamma_e, \sigma_e$ , we have  $(\varsigma_e, \theta(\delta(\gamma_e(e)))) \in \mathcal{C}_k \llbracket \theta(t) \rrbracket$ .
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 4$ . By  $\langle 2 \rangle 2$  ( $\gamma = \gamma_e \cup \gamma_{e'}$ ), have  $(\varsigma_e, \theta(\delta(\gamma(e)))) \in \mathcal{C}_k \llbracket \theta(t) \rrbracket$ .
  - $\langle 2 \rangle$ 5. By definition of  $\mathcal{C}_k \llbracket \cdot \rrbracket$  and  $\langle 2 \rangle$ 2, we instantiate with j and  $\sigma_r = \sigma_{e'}$  to conclude that  $\langle \theta(\sigma), \theta(\delta(\gamma(e))) \rangle$  either takes j steps to **err** or another heap-and-expression  $\langle \sigma_f, e_f \rangle$ .
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 6$ . Case: j steps to err By Op\_Context\_Err, the whole expression reduces to **err** in j < k steps.
  - $\langle 2 \rangle$ 7. Case: j steps to another heap-and-expression. If it is not a value, then  $OP\_CONTEXT$  runs j times and we are done.
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 8$ . If it is, then  $\exists i \leq j$ .  $(\varsigma_f, v_1) \in \mathcal{V}_{k-i}[\theta(t_1)] \subseteq \mathcal{V}_{k-j}[\theta(t_1)]$  by C.3 and C.5. So,  $OP\_CONTEXT$  runs i times, and then we have the following. SUFFICES:  $(\varsigma_f \star \varsigma_{e'}, \text{let } x = v \text{ in } \theta(\delta(\gamma(e')))) \in \mathcal{C}_{k-i}[\![\theta(t')]\!]$  by C.4 *i* times. SUFFICES:  $(\varsigma_f \star \varsigma_{e'}, \theta(\delta(\gamma(e')))[x/v]) \in \mathcal{C}_{k-i-1}[\theta(t')]$  by C.4.
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 9$ . By C.5,  $(\varsigma_{e'}, \gamma_{e'}[x \mapsto v]) \in \mathcal{L}_k[\Gamma', x : t]\theta \subset \mathcal{L}_{k-i-1}[\Gamma', x : t]\theta$ .
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 10$ . Instantiate 2 of step  $\langle 2 \rangle 1$  with  $k-i-1, \theta, \delta, \gamma_{e'}[x \mapsto v], \sigma_{e'}$  to conclude  $(\varsigma_{e'}, \theta(\delta(\gamma_{e'}[x \mapsto v](e')))) \in \mathcal{C}_{k-i-1}[\theta(t')]$
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 11$ . By 3, we have  $\theta(\delta(\gamma(e')))[x/v] = \theta(\delta(\gamma_{e'}[x \mapsto v](e')))$  and by C.1 we conclude  $(\varsigma_f \star \varsigma_{e'}, \theta(\delta(\gamma(e')))[x/v]) \in \mathcal{C}_{k-i-1}[\![\theta(t')]\!]$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . Case: Ty Pair Elim.

PROOF SKETCH: Similar to TY LET, but with the following key differences.

- $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . When  $(\varsigma_f, v) \in \mathcal{V}_{k-i} \llbracket \theta(t_1) \otimes \theta(t_2) \rrbracket$ , we have  $v = (v_1, v_2)$ .
- $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . SUFFICES:  $(\varsigma_{e'}, \theta(\delta(\gamma(e')))) \in \mathcal{C}_{k-i-1} \llbracket \theta(t') \rrbracket$  by C.4 i+1 times.
- $\langle 2 \rangle 3$ . By C.5,  $(\varsigma_{e'}, \gamma_{e'}[a \mapsto v_1, b \mapsto v_2]) \in \mathcal{L}_k[\Gamma', a : t_1, b : t_2]\theta \subseteq \mathcal{L}_{k-i-1}[\Gamma', a : t_1, b : t_2]\theta$ .
- $\langle 2 \rangle 4$ . Instantiate k-i-1  $[\Theta; \Delta; \Gamma', a: t_1, b: t_2 \vdash e': t']$  with  $\theta, \delta, \gamma_{e'}[a \mapsto v_1, b \mapsto v_2], \sigma_{e'}$ .

 $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ . Case: Ty Bang Elim.

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PROOF SKETCH: Similar to TY LET, but with the following key differences.

- $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . When  $(\varsigma_f, v) \in \mathcal{V}_{k-i}[\![\theta(!t)]\!]$ , since  $\mathcal{V}_{k-i}[\![\theta(!t)]\!] = \mathcal{V}_{k-i}[\![!\theta(t)]\!]$ , we have  $\varsigma_f = \emptyset$  and  $v = \mathbf{Many} \ v'$  for some  $(\emptyset, v') \in \mathcal{V}_{k-i}[\![\theta(t)]\!]$ .
- $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . SUFFICES:  $(\varsigma_{e'}, \mathbf{let} \, \mathbf{Many} \, x = \mathbf{Many} \, v' \, \mathbf{in} \, \theta(\delta(\gamma(e')))) \in \mathcal{C}_{k-i} \llbracket \theta(t) \rrbracket$ .
- $\langle 2 \rangle 3$ . SUFFICES:  $(\varsigma_{e'}, \theta(\delta(\gamma(e')))[x/v]) \in \mathcal{C}_{k-i-1}[\theta(t)]$  by C.4 i+1 times.
- $\langle 2 \rangle 4$ . Instantiate k-i-1  $[\Theta; \Delta, x: t, \Gamma' \vdash e': t']$  with  $\theta, \delta_{e'} = \delta[x \mapsto v'], \gamma_{e'}, \sigma_{e'}$ .
- $\langle 2 \rangle 5$ . By 3,  $(\varsigma_{e'}, \theta(\delta(\gamma(e')))[x/v]) \in \mathcal{C}_{k-i-1}[\![\theta(t)]\!]$ .
- $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ . Case: Ty\_Unit\_Elim.

PROOF SKETCH: Similar to TY\_LET, but with the following key differences.

- $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . When  $(\varsigma_f, v) \in \mathcal{V}_{k-i}[\mathbf{unit}]$ , we have  $\varsigma_f = \emptyset$  and v = ().
- $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . Suffices:  $(\varsigma_{e'}, \theta(\delta(\gamma(e')))) \in \mathcal{C}_{k-i-1}[\![\theta(t')]\!]$  by C.4 i+1 times.
- $\langle 2 \rangle 3$ . By C.5,  $(\varsigma_{e'}, \gamma_{e'}) \in \mathcal{L}_k \llbracket \Gamma' \rrbracket \theta \subseteq \mathcal{L}_{k-i-1} \llbracket \Gamma' \rrbracket \theta$ .
- $\langle 2 \rangle 4$ . Instantiate  $_{k-i-1} \llbracket \Theta; \Delta; \Gamma' \vdash e' : t' \rrbracket$  with  $\theta, \delta, \gamma_{e'}, \sigma_{e'}$ .
- $\langle 2 \rangle 5$ . By  $3 (\varsigma_{e'}, \theta(\delta(\gamma(e')))) \in \mathcal{C}_{k-i-1}[\![\theta(t')]\!]$ .
- $\langle 1 \rangle$ 5. Case: Ty\_Bool\_Elim.

PROOF SKETCH: Similar to TY\_UNIT\_ELIM but with OP\_IF\_{TRUE,FALSE},  $\varsigma_f = \emptyset$  and v =Many true or v =Many false.

- $\langle 1 \rangle 6$ . Case: Ty\_Bang\_Intro.
  - $\langle 2 \rangle$ 1. We have, e = v for some value  $v \neq l$ ,  $\Gamma = \emptyset$  and so  $\forall k.\ _k \llbracket \Theta ; \Delta ; \cdot \vdash v : t \rrbracket$  by induction.
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . SUFFICES:  $(\emptyset, \mathbf{Many} \, \theta(\delta(v))) \in \mathcal{C}_k \llbracket ! \theta(t) \rrbracket$  by  $2c \ (\varsigma = \emptyset, \gamma = \llbracket])$ .
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 3$ . Instantiate  $_k \llbracket \Theta; \Delta; \cdot \vdash v : t \rrbracket$  with  $\theta, \delta, \gamma = \llbracket, \sigma = \emptyset$  to obtain  $(\emptyset, \theta(\delta(v))) \in \mathcal{C}_k \llbracket \theta(t) \rrbracket$ .
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 4$ . Instantiate  $(\emptyset, \theta(\delta(v))) \in \mathcal{C}_k[\![\theta(t)]\!]$  with j = 0,  $\sigma_r = \emptyset$  and C.3  $(\theta(\delta(v)))$  is a value), to conclude  $(\emptyset, \theta(\delta(v))) \in \mathcal{V}_k[\![\theta(t)]\!]$ .
  - $\langle 2 \rangle$ 5. By definition of  $\mathcal{V}_k[\![\theta(t)]\!]$ , C.3 and C.2 we have  $(\emptyset, \mathbf{Many} \theta(\delta(v))) \in \mathcal{C}_k[\![\theta(t)]\!]$ .
- $\langle 1 \rangle$ 7. Case: Ty\_Pair\_Intro.
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . By 2c, 3 and C.7, we know there exists the following (for all k):
    - 1.  $(\varsigma_1, \gamma_1) \in \mathcal{L}_k[\![\Gamma_1]\!]$
    - 2.  $(\varsigma_2, \gamma_2) \in \mathcal{L}_k[\![\Gamma_2]\!]$
    - 3.  $\gamma = \gamma_1 \cup \gamma_2$
    - 4.  $\sigma = \sigma_1 + \sigma_2$ .
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . By induction,
    - 1.  $\forall k. \ _{k} \llbracket \Theta; \Delta; \Gamma_{1} \vdash e_{1} : t_{1} \rrbracket$
    - 2.  $\forall k. \ _{k} \llbracket \Theta; \Delta; \Gamma_{2} \vdash e_{2} : t_{2} \rrbracket$ .
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 3$ . Instantiate the first with  $k, \theta, \delta, \gamma_1, \sigma_1$ .
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 4$ . By that and  $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ ,  $(\varsigma_1, \theta(\delta(\gamma_1(e_1)))) = (\varsigma_1, \theta(\delta(\gamma(e_1)))) \in \mathcal{C}_k \llbracket \theta(t) \rrbracket$ .

- $\langle 2 \rangle$ 5. So,  $\langle \theta(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2), \theta(\delta(\gamma_1(e_1))) \rangle$  either takes j steps to **err** or a heap-and-expression  $\langle \sigma_{1f}, e_{1f} \rangle$ .
- $\langle 2 \rangle$ 6. Case: j steps to **err**By Op\_Context\_Err, the whole expression reduces to **err** in j < k steps.
- $\langle 2 \rangle$ 7. Case: j steps to another heap-and-expression. If it is not a value, then OP\_CONTEXT runs j times and we are done.
- $\langle 2 \rangle 8$ . If it is, then  $\exists i_1 \leq j$ .  $(\varsigma_{1f}, v_1) \in \mathcal{V}_{k-i_1} \llbracket \theta(t_1) \rrbracket \subseteq \mathcal{V}_{k-j} \llbracket \theta(t_1) \rrbracket$  by C.3 and C.5. So, OP\_CONTEXT runs  $i_1$  times, and then we have the following. SUFFICES: By C.4,  $(\varsigma_{1f} \star \varsigma_2, (v_1, e_2)) \in \mathcal{C}_{k-i_1} \llbracket \theta(t_1 \otimes t_2) \rrbracket$ .
- $\langle 2 \rangle 9$ . Instantiate the second IH with  $k, \theta, \delta, \gamma_2, \sigma_2$ .
- $\langle 2 \rangle 10$ . So,  $\langle \theta(\sigma_{1f} + \sigma_2), \theta(\delta(\gamma_2(e_2))) \rangle$  either takes j steps to **err** or a heap-and-expression  $\langle \sigma_{2f}, e_{2f} \rangle$ .
- $\langle 2 \rangle$ 11. Case: j steps to **err**By Op Context Err, the whole expression reduces to **err** in j < k steps.
- $\langle 2 \rangle$ 12. Case: j steps to another heap-and-expression. If it is not a value, then OP—CONTEXT runs j times and we are done.
- $\langle 2 \rangle 13$ . If it is, then  $\exists i_2 \leq j$ .  $(\varsigma_{2f}, v_2) \in \mathcal{V}_{k-i_2}[\![\theta(t_2)]\!] \subseteq \mathcal{V}_{k-j}[\![\theta(t_2)]\!]$  by C.3 and C.5. So, OP\_CONTEXT runs  $i_2$  times, and then we have the following. SUFFICES: By C.4,  $(\varsigma_{1f} \star \varsigma_{2f}, (v_1, v_2)) \in \mathcal{V}_{k-i_1-i_2}[\![\theta(t_1) \otimes \theta(t_2)]\!]$ .
- $\begin{array}{c} \langle 2 \rangle 14. \ \, \text{By C.5 and} \, \, k i_1 i_2 \leq k i_1, k i_2, \, \text{have} \\ (\varsigma_{1f}, v_1) \in \mathcal{V}_{k i_1} \llbracket \theta(t_1) \rrbracket \subseteq \mathcal{V}_{k i_1 i_2} \llbracket \theta(t_1) \rrbracket \, \, \text{and} \\ (\varsigma_{2f}, v_2) \in \mathcal{V}_{k i_2} \llbracket \theta(t_2) \rrbracket \subseteq \mathcal{V}_{k i_1 i_2} \llbracket \theta(t_2) \rrbracket \, \, \text{as needed.} \end{array}$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 8$ . Case: Ty Lambda.

Suffices: By C.2, to show  $(\varsigma, \theta(\delta(\gamma(\mathbf{fun}\,x:t\to e)))) \in \mathcal{V}_k[\![\theta(t\multimap t')]\!]$ . Assume: Arbitrary  $j \leq k$ ,  $(\varsigma_v, v) \in \mathcal{V}_j[\![\theta(t)]\!]$  such that  $\varsigma \star \varsigma_v$  is defined.

SUFFICES:  $(\varsigma \star \varsigma_v, \theta(\delta(\gamma(\mathbf{fun}\,x:t\to e)))\,v) \in \mathcal{C}_j[\![\theta(t')]\!].$ SUFFICES:  $(\varsigma \star \varsigma_v, \theta(\delta(\gamma(e)))[x/v]) \in \mathcal{C}_{j-1}[\![\theta(t')]\!]$  by C.4.

- $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . By induction,  $\forall k. \ _k \llbracket \Theta; \Delta; \Gamma, x : t \vdash e \rrbracket$ .
- $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . Instantiate it  $j-1, \theta, \delta, \gamma[x \mapsto v], \sigma + \sigma_v$ .
- $\langle 2 \rangle 3$ . Hence,  $(\varsigma \star \varsigma_v, \theta(\delta(\gamma[x \mapsto v](e)))) \in \mathcal{C}_{i-1} \llbracket \theta(t') \rrbracket$ .
- $\langle 2 \rangle 4$ . By 3,  $\theta(\delta(\gamma[x \mapsto v](e))) = \theta(\delta(\gamma(e)))[x/v]$ , we are done.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 9$ . Case: Ty\_App.
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . By 2c, 3 and C.7, we know there exists the following (for all k): 1.  $(\varsigma_e, \gamma_e) \in \mathcal{L}_k \llbracket \Gamma_e \rrbracket$ 
    - 2.  $(\varsigma_{e'}, \gamma_{e'}) \in \mathcal{L}_k \llbracket \Gamma_{e'} \rrbracket$
    - 3.  $\gamma = \gamma_e \cup \gamma_{e'}$
    - 4.  $\sigma = \sigma_e + \sigma_{e'}$ .
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . By induction,

1. 
$$\forall k. \ _{k}\llbracket\Theta; \Delta; \Gamma \vdash e : t' \multimap t\rrbracket$$
  
2.  $\forall k. \ _{k}\llbracket\Theta; \Delta; \Gamma' \vdash e' : t'\rrbracket$ .

- $\langle 2 \rangle 3$ . Instantiate the first with  $k, \theta, \delta, \gamma_e, \sigma_e$  to conclude  $(\varsigma_e, \theta(\delta(\gamma_e(e)))) \in \mathcal{C}_k[\![\theta(t') \multimap \theta(t)]\!]$ .
- $\langle 2 \rangle 4$ . Instantiate this with j and  $\sigma_{e'}$  and use  $\langle 2 \rangle 1$  to conclude  $\langle \theta(\sigma_e + \sigma_{e'}), \theta(\delta(\gamma(e))) \rangle$  either takes j steps to **err** or a heap-and-expression  $\langle \sigma_f + \sigma_{e'}, e_f \rangle$ .

- $\langle 2 \rangle$ 5. Case: j steps to **err**By Op\_Context\_Err, the whole expression reduces to **err** in j < k steps.
- $\langle 2 \rangle$ 6. Case: j steps to another heap-and-expression. If it is not a value, then OP\_CONTEXT runs j times and we are done.
- $\langle 2 \rangle$ 7. If it is, then  $\exists i_e \leq j$ .  $(\varsigma_f, e_f) \in \mathcal{V}_{k-i_e} \llbracket \theta(t') \multimap \theta(t) \rrbracket \subseteq \mathcal{V}_{k-j} \llbracket \dots \rrbracket$  by C.3 and C.5. So, OP\_CONTEXT runs  $i_e$  times, and then we have the following. SUFFICES: By C.4  $i_e$  times,  $(\varsigma_f \star \varsigma_{e'}, e_f e') \in \mathcal{C}_{k-i_e} \llbracket \theta(t') \rrbracket$ .
- $\langle 2 \rangle 8$ . By C.5,  $(\varsigma_{e'}, \gamma_{e'} \in \mathcal{L}_k \llbracket \Gamma' \rrbracket \theta \subseteq \mathcal{L}_{k-i_e} \llbracket \Gamma' \rrbracket \theta$ .
- $\langle 2 \rangle 9$ . So, instantiate the second IH with  $k i_e, \theta, \delta, \gamma_{e'}, \sigma_{e'}$  to conclude  $(\varsigma_{e'}, \theta(\delta(\gamma_{e'}(e')))) \in \mathcal{C}_{k-i_e}[\![\theta(t')]\!]$ .
- $\langle 2 \rangle 10$ . Instantiate this with  $j i_e$  and  $\sigma_f$  to conclude  $\langle \theta(\sigma_f + \sigma_{e'}), \theta(\delta(\gamma_{e'}(e'))) \rangle$  either takes  $j i_e$  steps to **err** or  $\langle \sigma_f + \sigma'_f, e'_f \rangle$ .
- $\langle 2 \rangle$ 11. CASE:  $j i_e$  steps to **err**By OP\_CONTEXT\_ERR, the whole expression reduces to **err** in  $j i_e < k i_e$  steps.
- $\langle 2 \rangle$ 12. Case:  $j-i_e$  steps to another heap-and-expression. If it is not a value, then OP\_CONTEXT runs  $j-i_e$  times and we are done.
- $\langle 2 \rangle$ 13. If it is, then  $\exists i_{e'} \leq j i_e$ .  $(\varsigma'_f, v_{e'}) \in \mathcal{V}_{k-i_e-i'_e}[\![\theta(t')]\!]$  by C.3. So, OP\_CONTEXT runs  $i_{e'}$  times, and then we have the following. SUFFICES: By C.4  $i_{e'}$  times,  $(\varsigma_f \star \varsigma'_f, e_f e'_f) \in \mathcal{C}_{k-i_e-i_{e'}}[\![\theta(t')]\!]$ .
- $\langle 2 \rangle 14$ . Instantiate  $(\varsigma_f, e_f) \in \mathcal{V}_{k-i_e}[\![\theta(t') \multimap \theta(t)]\!]$  with  $k-i_e-i_{e'} \leq k-i_e$  and  $(\varsigma_{v'}, v_{e'}) \in \mathcal{V}_{k-i_e-i_{e'}}[\![\theta(t')]\!]$ , to conclude  $(\varsigma_f \star \varsigma_f', e_f e_f') \in \mathcal{C}_{k-i_e-i_{e'}}[\![\theta(t)]\!]$  as needed.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 10$ . Case: Ty\_Gen.
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . By induction,  $\forall k. \ _k \llbracket \Theta, fc; \Delta; \Gamma \vdash e : t \rrbracket$ .
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . Let: f be arbitrary;  $\theta' \equiv \theta[fc \mapsto f]$ . Instantiate induction hypothesis with  $k-1, \theta', \delta, \gamma, \sigma$ , to conclude  $(\varsigma, \theta'(\gamma(\delta(e)))) \in \mathcal{C}_{k-1}[\![\theta'(t)]\!]$  (for all f, by C.8).
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 3$ . Instantiate this with j and  $\emptyset$  to conclude  $\langle \theta(\sigma), \theta'(\gamma(\delta(e))) \rangle$  either takes j steps to **err** or a heap-and-expression  $\langle \sigma', e' \rangle$  (for all f, by C.8).
  - $\langle 2 \rangle$ 4. Case: j steps to **err**. By Op\_Context\_Err, whole expression reduces to **err** in j < k-1 steps (for f = fc).
  - $\langle 2 \rangle$ 5. Case: j steps to another heap-and-expression. If it is not a value, then for f = fc, OP\_CONTEXT runs j times and we are done.
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 6$ . If it is, then  $\exists i_e \leq j$ .  $(\varsigma', e') \in \mathcal{V}_{k-1-i_e}[\![\theta'(t)]\!] \subseteq \mathcal{V}_{k-1-j}[\![\dots]\!]$  by C.3 and C.5 (for all f, by C.8).
  - $\langle 2 \rangle$ 7. So, OP\_CONTEXT runs  $i_e$  times, and then we have the following. SUFFICES: By C.4  $i_e$  times,  $(\varsigma', \mathbf{fun} fc \to e') \in \mathcal{V}_{k-i_e} \llbracket \theta(\forall fc. \ t) \rrbracket$  (for f = fc).
  - $\langle 2 \rangle$ 8. ASSUME: Arbitrary f'. SUFFICES:  $(\varsigma', e'[fc/f']) \in \mathcal{V}_{k-1-i_e}[\![\theta(t)[fc/f']\!]\!]$  (for f = fc).
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 9$ . This is true by instantiating  $\langle 2 \rangle 6$  with f = f'.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 11$ . Case: Ty\_Spc.
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . By induction,  $\forall k. \ _k \llbracket \Theta; \Delta; \Gamma \vdash e : \forall fc. \ t \rrbracket$ .

- $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . Instantiate with  $k, \theta, \delta, \gamma, \sigma$  to conclude  $(\varsigma, \theta(\delta(\gamma(e)))) \in \mathcal{C}_k \llbracket \theta(\forall fc. t \rrbracket)$ .
- $\langle 2 \rangle$ 3. Instantiate this with j and  $\emptyset$  and to conclude  $\langle \theta(\sigma), \theta(\delta(\gamma(e))) \rangle$  either takes j steps to **err** or a heap-and-expression  $\langle \sigma_f, e_f \rangle$ .
- $\langle 2 \rangle$ 4. Case: j steps to **err**. By Op\_Context\_Err, the whole expression reduces to **err** in j < k steps.
- $\langle 2 \rangle$ 5. Case: j steps to another heap-and-expression. If it is not a value, then OP\_CONTEXT runs j times and we are done.
- $\langle 2 \rangle 6$ . If it is, then  $\exists i_e \leq j$ .  $(\varsigma_f, e_f) \in \mathcal{V}_{k-i_e} \llbracket \theta(\forall fc.t) \rrbracket \subseteq \mathcal{V}_{k-j} \llbracket \dots \rrbracket$  by C.3 and C.5. So  $e_f \equiv \mathbf{fun} fc \to v$  for some v.
- $\langle 2 \rangle$ 7. So, OP\_CONTEXT runs  $i_e$  times, and then we have the following. SUFFICES: By C.4  $i_e$  times,  $(\varsigma_f, (\mathbf{fun}fc \to v)[f]) \in \mathcal{C}_{k-i_e}[\![\theta(t[fc/f])]\!]$ . SUFFICES: By C.4 once more,  $(\varsigma_f, v[fc/f]) \in \mathcal{C}_{k-i_e-1}[\![\theta(t[fc/f])]\!]$ .
- $\langle 2 \rangle 8$ . This is true by instantiating  $\langle 2 \rangle 6$  with f and C.2.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 12$ . Case: Ty Fix.

SUFFICES:  $(\emptyset, \theta(\delta(\mathbf{fix}(g, x:t, e:t'))))) \in \mathcal{V}_k[\![\theta(t \multimap t')]\!]$ , by C.2  $(\sigma = \{\}, \gamma = [])$ .

Assume: Arbitrary  $j \leq k$ ,  $(\varsigma_v, v) \in \mathcal{V}_j[\![\theta(t)]\!]$   $(\varsigma = \emptyset$ , so  $\varsigma \star \varsigma_v$  is defined).

Let:  $\tilde{e} \equiv \theta(\delta(e))$ .

SUFFICES:  $(\varsigma_v, \mathbf{fix}(g, x : t, \tilde{e} : t') \ v) \in \mathcal{C}_j[\![\theta(t')]\!].$ 

SUFFICES:  $(\varsigma_v, \tilde{e}[x/v][g/\mathbf{fix}(g, x:t, \tilde{e}:t')]) \in \mathcal{C}_{i-1}[\theta(t')]$  by C.4.

- $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . By induction,  $\forall k. \ _k \llbracket \Theta; \Delta, g: t \multimap t'; x: t \vdash e: t' \rrbracket$ .
- $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . Instantiate this with  $j-1, \delta[g \mapsto \mathbf{fix}(g, x : t, \tilde{e} : t')], \gamma = [x \mapsto v], \sigma_v$ .
- $\langle 2 \rangle 3$ . We have  $(\emptyset, \mathbf{fix}(g, x : t, \tilde{e} : t')) \in \mathcal{V}_{i-1} \llbracket \theta(t \multimap t') \rrbracket$ .
  - $\langle 3 \rangle 1$ . Again by induction (over k),  $(\emptyset, \mathbf{fix}(g, x : t, \tilde{e} : t')) \in \mathcal{C}_{i-1} \llbracket \theta(t \multimap t') \rrbracket$ .
  - $\langle 3 \rangle 2$ . Instantiate this with j = 0 and  $\emptyset$  and we are done.
- $\langle 2 \rangle 4$ . We have  $(\varsigma_v, v) \in \mathcal{V}_{j-1}[\theta(t)]$  by assumption and C.5.
- $\langle 2 \rangle 5$ . So we conclude  $(\varsigma_v, \theta(\delta'(\gamma(e)))) \in \mathcal{C}_{j-1}[\![\theta(t')]\!]$  as required.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 13$ . Case: Ty\_Var\_Lin.

PROVE:  $(\varsigma, \theta(\delta(\gamma(x)))) \in \mathcal{C}_k[\![\theta(t)]\!].$ 

- $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ .  $\Gamma = \{x : t\}$  by assumption of TY\_VAR\_LIN.
- $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . SUFFICES:  $(\varsigma, \gamma(x)) \in \mathcal{C}_k \llbracket \theta(t) \rrbracket$  by 3  $(\theta \text{ and } \delta \text{ irrelevant})$ .
- $\langle 2 \rangle 3$ . By 2c, there exist  $(\varsigma_x, v_x) \in \mathcal{V}_k[\![\theta(t)]\!]$ , such that  $\varsigma = \varsigma_x$  and  $\gamma = [x \mapsto v_x]$ .
- $\langle 2 \rangle 4$ . Hence,  $(\varsigma_x, v_x) \in \mathcal{C}_k[\![\theta(t)]\!]$ , by C.2.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 14$ . Case: Ty\_Var.

PROVE:  $(\varsigma, \theta(\delta(\gamma(x)))) \in \mathcal{C}_k[\![\theta(t)]\!].$ 

- $\langle 2 \rangle 1.$   $x: t \in \Delta$  and  $\Gamma = \emptyset$  by assumption of TY\_VAR.
- $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . Suffices:  $(\emptyset, \delta(x)) \in \mathcal{C}_k \llbracket \theta(t) \rrbracket$  by 3.
- $\langle 2 \rangle 3$ . By 2b, there exists  $v_x$  such that  $(\emptyset, v_x) \in \mathcal{V}_k \llbracket \theta(t) \rrbracket$  ( $\theta$  irrelevant and  $\gamma$  empty).
- $\langle 2 \rangle 4$ . Hence,  $(\emptyset, v_x) \in \mathcal{C}_k[\theta(t)]$ , by C.2.

- $\langle 1 \rangle 15$ . CASE: TY\_UNIT\_INTRO. True by C.2 and definition of  $\mathcal{V}_k[\![\mathbf{unit}]\!]$ .
- $\langle 1 \rangle 16.$  Case: Ty\_Bool\_True, Ty\_Bool\_False, Ty\_Int\_Intro, Ty\_Elt\_Intro. Similar to Ty\_Unit\_Intro.

### D.1 Well-formed types

$$\begin{array}{ll} \begin{tabular}{ll} \hline \Theta \vdash f \mbox{ Perm} \\ \hline \hline \theta \vdash f \mbox{ Perm} \\ \hline \hline \Theta \vdash f c \mbox{ Perm} \\ \hline \hline \hline \Theta \vdash 1 \mbox{ Perm} \\ \hline \end{tabular} \begin{tabular}{ll} \hline \mbox{WF\_PERM\_ZERO} \\ \hline \end{tabular}$$

$$\frac{\Theta \vdash f \: \mathsf{Perm}}{\Theta \vdash \frac{1}{2} f \: \mathsf{Perm}} \quad \text{WF\_PERM\_SUCC}$$

$$\Theta \vdash t \mathsf{Type}$$
 Well-formed types

$$\overline{\varTheta \vdash \mathbf{unit}\,\mathsf{Type}} \quad \mathrm{WF\_TYPE\_UNIT}$$

$$\overline{\Theta \vdash \mathbf{bool} \, \mathsf{Type}} \quad \mathrm{WF\_TYPE\_BOOL}$$

$$\overline{\Theta \vdash \mathbf{int} \mathsf{Type}} \quad \mathrm{WF\_TYPE\_INT}$$

$$\Theta \vdash \mathbf{elt} \mathsf{Type}$$
 WF\_TYPE\_ELT

$$\frac{\varTheta \vdash f \: \mathsf{Perm}}{\varTheta \vdash f \: \mathsf{arr} \: \mathsf{Type}} \quad \mathsf{WF\_Type\_Array}$$

$$\frac{\Theta \vdash t \, \mathsf{Type}}{\Theta \vdash !t \, \mathsf{Type}} \quad \mathsf{WF\_TYPE\_BANG}$$

$$\frac{\varTheta, \mathit{fc} \vdash \mathit{t}\,\mathsf{Type}}{\varTheta \vdash \forall \mathit{fc}.\mathit{t}\,\mathsf{Type}} \quad \mathrm{WF\_Type\_Gen}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \varTheta \vdash t \, \mathsf{Type} \\ \varTheta \vdash t' \, \mathsf{Type} \\ \varTheta \vdash t \, \otimes \, t' \, \mathsf{Type} \end{array} \quad \mathsf{WF\_TYPE\_PAIR} \\$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \varTheta \vdash t \, \mathsf{Type} \\ \varTheta \vdash t' \, \mathsf{Type} \\ \varTheta \vdash t \multimap t' \, \mathsf{Type} \end{array} \quad \mathrm{WF\_TYPE\_LOLLY} \\ \end{array}$$

# E NumLin Grammar

$$\begin{array}{ll} m ::= & \text{matrix expressions} \\ \mid M & \text{matrix variables} \\ \mid m+m' & \text{matrix addition} \\ \mid m\,m' & \text{matrix multiplication} \end{array}$$

```
S
    | (m)
f ::=
                                 fractional permission
       fc
                                  variable
      1
                                  whole permission
t ::=
                                 linear type
       unit
                                  unit
       bool
                                  boolean (true/false)
       int
                                  63-bit integers
       \mathbf{elt}
                                  array element
       f arr
                                  arrays
      f mat
                                  matrices
       !t
                                  multiple-use type
                     bind fc in t frac. perm. generalisation
       \forall fc.t
       t \otimes t'
                                  pair
       t \multimap t'
                                  linear function
                     S
       (t)
                                  parentheses
p ::=
                                 primitive
       \mathbf{not}
                                  boolean negation
       (+)
                                  integer addition
       (-)
                                  integer subtraction
                                  integer multiplication
       (*)
       (/)
                                  integer division
       (=)
                                  integer equality
       (<)
                                  integer less-than
       (+.)
                                  element addition
                                  element subtraction
       (-.)
                                  element multiplication
       (*.)
                                  element division
       (/.)
                                  element equality
       (=.)
       (< .)
                                  element less-than
                                  array index assignment
       \mathbf{set}
       get
                                  array indexing
       share
                                  share array
       unshare
                                  unshare array
       free
                                  free arrary
       array
                                  Owl: make array
       copy
                                  Owl: copy array
                                  Owl: map sine over array
       \sin
                                  Owl: x_i := \sqrt{x_i^2 + y_i^2}
BLAS: \sum_i |x_i|
       hypot
       asum
                                  BLAS: x := \alpha x + y
       axpy
       \mathbf{dot}
                                  BLAS: x \cdot y
                                  BLAS: see its docs
       rotmg
       scal
                                  BLAS: x := \alpha x
       amax
                                  BLAS: \operatorname{argmax} i : x_i
       \mathbf{set}\mathbf{M}
                                  matrix index assignment
                                  matrix indexing
       getM
       \operatorname{shareM}
                                  share matrix
       {\bf unshare M}
                                  unshare matrix
       freeM
                                  free matrix
```

```
matrix
                                                       Owl: make matrix
        copyM
                                                       Owl: copy matrix
        copyM to
                                                       Owl: copy matrix onto another
        sizeM
                                                       dimension of matrix
        trnsp
                                                       transpose matrix
                                                       BLAS: C := \alpha A^{T?} B^{T?} + \beta C
        gemm
                                                       BLAS: C := \alpha AB + \beta C
        symm
                                                       BLAS: Cholesky decomp. and solve
        posv
                                                       BLAS: solve with given Cholesky
        potrs
                                                       BLAS: C := \alpha A^{T?} A^{T?} + \beta C
        syrk
v ::=
                                                       values
                                                       primitives
        p
                                                       variable
        \boldsymbol{x}
        ()
                                                       unit introduction
        true
                                                       true
        false
                                                       false
                                                       integer
        k
        l
                                                       heap location
        el
                                                       array element
                                                       !-introduction
        Many v
        \mathbf{fun}\,fc \to v
                                                       frac. perm. abstraction
        (v, v')
                                                       pair introduction
        \mathbf{fun}\,x:t\to e
                                   bind x in e
                                                       abstraction
        \mathbf{fix}(g, x: t, e: t')
                                   bind g \cup x in e fixpoint
                                                       parentheses
                                                       expression
e ::=
                                                       primitives
        p
                                                       variable
        \boldsymbol{x}
        \mathbf{let}\,x=e\,\mathbf{in}\,e'
                                   bind x in e'
                                                       let binding
                                                       unit introduction
        ()
        \mathbf{let}() = e \mathbf{in} e'
                                                       unit elimination
        true
                                                       true
        false
                                                       false
        if e then e_1 else e_2
                                                       if
        k
                                                       integer
        l
                                                       heap location
        el
                                                       array element
        Many e
                                                       !-introduction
        \mathbf{let}\,\mathbf{Many}\,x=e\,\mathbf{in}\,e'
                                                       !-elimination
        \mathbf{fun}\,fc \to e
                                                       frac. perm. abstraction
        e[f]
                                                       frac. perm. specialisation
        (e, e')
                                                       pair introduction
        \mathbf{let}\,(a,b) = e\,\mathbf{in}\,e'
                                   bind a \cup b in e'
                                                       pair elimination
        \mathbf{fun}\,x:t\to e
                                   \mathsf{bind}\ x\ \mathsf{in}\ e
                                                       abstraction
        e e'
                                                       application
                                   \mathsf{bind}\ g \cup x \ \mathsf{in}\ e \quad \mathsf{fixpoint}
        \mathbf{fix}\left(g,x:t,e:t'\right)
                                                       parentheses
C ::=
                                                       evaluation contexts
       \mathbf{let} \ x = [-] \mathbf{in} \ e
                                   bind x in e
                                                       let binding
        \mathbf{let}() = [-] \mathbf{in} e
                                                       unit elimination
        if [-] then e_1 else e_2
                                                       if
```

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# F Desugaring NumLin

### G Primitives

```
module Arr = Owl.Dense.Ndarray.D
type z = Z
type 'a s = Succ
type 'a arr = A of Arr.arr [@@unboxed]
type 'a mat = M of Arr.arr [@@unboxed]
type 'a bang = Many of 'a [@@unboxed]
module Prim :
sig
  val extract : 'a bang -> 'a
  (** Boolean *)
 val not_ : bool bang -> bool bang
  (** Arithmetic, many omitted for brevity *)
  val addI : int bang -> int bang -> int bang
  val eqI : int bang -> int bang -> bool bang
  (** Arrays *)
  val set : z arr -> int bang -> float bang -> z arr
  val get : 'a arr -> int bang -> 'a arr * float bang
  val share : 'a arr -> 'a s arr * 'a s arr
  val unshare : 'a s arr -> 'a s arr -> 'a arr
  val free : z arr -> unit
  (** Owl *)
  {\tt val \ array} \ : \ {\tt int} \ {\tt bang} \ {\tt ->} \ {\tt z} \ {\tt arr}
  val copy : 'a arr \rightarrow 'a arr * z arr
  val sin : z arr -> z arr
  val hypot : z arr \rightarrow 'a arr \rightarrow 'a arr * z arr
  (** Level 1 BLAS *)
  val asum : 'a arr -> 'a arr * float bang
  val axpy : float bang -> 'a arr -> z arr -> 'a arr * z arr
  val dot : 'a arr -> 'b arr -> ('a arr * 'b arr) * float bang
  val scal : float bang -> z arr -> z arr
  val amax : 'a arr -> 'a arr * int bang
  (* Matrix, some omitted for brevity *)
  val matrix : int bang -> int bang -> z mat
  val eye : int bang -> z mat
  val copy_mat : 'a mat -> 'a mat * z mat
  val copy_mat_to : 'a mat -> z mat -> 'a mat * z mat
  val size_mat : 'a mat -> 'a mat * (int bang * int bang)
  val transpose : 'a mat -> 'a mat * z mat
  (* Level 3 BLAS/LAPACK *)
  val gemm : float bang -> ('a mat * bool bang) -> ('b mat * bool bang) ->
             float bang -> z mat -> ('a mat * 'b mat) * z mat
  val symm : bool bang -> float bang -> 'a mat -> 'b mat -> float bang ->
             z mat -> ('a mat * 'b mat) * z mat
  val gesv : z mat -> z mat -> z mat * z mat
  val posv : z mat -> z mat -> z mat * z mat
  val potrs : 'a mat -> z mat -> 'a mat * z mat
  val syrk : bool bang -> float bang -> 'a mat -> float bang -> z mat ->
           'a mat * z mat
end
```

### H Kalman Filters from NumLin and C

```
let kalman sigma h mu r_1 data_1 =
 let h, _p_k_n_p_ = Prim.size_mat h in
 let k, n = _p_k_n_p_ in
 let sigma_hT = Prim.matrix n k in
 let (sigma, h), sigma_hT =
   Prim.gemm (Many 1.) (sigma, Many false) (h, Many true) (Many 0.) sigma_hT in
 let (h, sigma_hT), r_2 =
   Prim.gemm (Many 1.) (h, Many false) (sigma_hT, Many false) (Many 1.) r_1 in
  let k_by_k, x = Prim.posv_flip r_2 sigma_hT in
 let (h, mu), data_2 =
   Prim.gemm (Many 1.) (h, Many false) (mu, Many false) (Many (-1.)) data_1 in
 let (x, data_2), new_mu =
   Prim.gemm (Many 1.) (x, Many false) (data_2, Many false) (Many 1.) mu in
 let x_h = Prim.matrix n n in
 let (x, h), x_h =
   Prim.gemm (Many 1.) (x, Many false) (h, Many false) (Many 0.) x_h in
 let () = Prim.free_mat x in
 let sigma, sigma2 = Prim.copy_mat sigma in
 let (sigma, x_h), new_sigma =
   Prim.symm (Many true) (Many (-1.)) sigma x_h (Many 1.) sigma2 in
  let () = Prim.free_mat x_h in
  ((sigma, h), (new_sigma, (new_mu, (k_by_k, data_2))))
```

Fig. 16. OCaml code for a Kalman filter, generated (at *compile time*) from the code in Figure 8, passed through ocamlformat for presentation.

```
static void kalman( const int n,
                                                   const int k,
                    const double *sigma, /* n,n */ const double *h,
                                                                      /* k,n */
                    const double *mu, /* n,1 */ double *r,
                                                                       /* k, k */
                    double *data,
                                         /* k,1 */ double **ret_sigma /* n,n */ ) {
    double* n_by_k = (double *) malloc(n * k * sizeof(double));
    cblas_dgemm(RowMajor, NoTrans, Trans, n, k, n, 1., sigma, n, h, n, 0., n_by_k, k);
    cblas_dgemm(RowMajor, NoTrans, NoTrans, k, k, n, 1., h, n, n_by_k, k, 1., r, k);
    LAPACKE_dposv(LAPACK_COL_MAJOR, 'U', k, n, r, k, n_by_k, k);
    \verb|cblas_dgemm| (RowMajor, NoTrans, NoTrans, k, 1, n, 1., h, n, mu, 1, -1., data, 1); \\
    cblas_dgemm(RowMajor, NoTrans, NoTrans, n, 1, k, 1., n_by_k, k, data, 1, 1., mu, 1);
    double* n_by_n = (double *) malloc(n * n * sizeof(double));
    cblas_dgemm(RowMajor, NoTrans, NoTrans, n, n, k, 1., n_by_k, k, h, n, 0., n_by_n, n);
    free(n_by_k);
    double* n_by_n2 = (double *) malloc(n * n * sizeof(double));
    cblas_dcopy(n*n, sigma, 1, n_by_n2, 1);
    cblas_dsymm(RowMajor, Right, Upper, n, n, -1., sigma, n, n_by_n, n, 1., n_by_n2, n);
    free(n_by_n);
    *ret_sigma = n_by_n2; }
```

Fig. 17. CBLAS/LAPACKE implementation of a Kalman filter. I used C instead of Fortran because it is what Owl uses under the hood and OCaml FFI support for C is better and easier to use than that for Fortran. A distinct 'measure kalman' function that sandwiches a call to this function with getrusage is omitted for brevity.